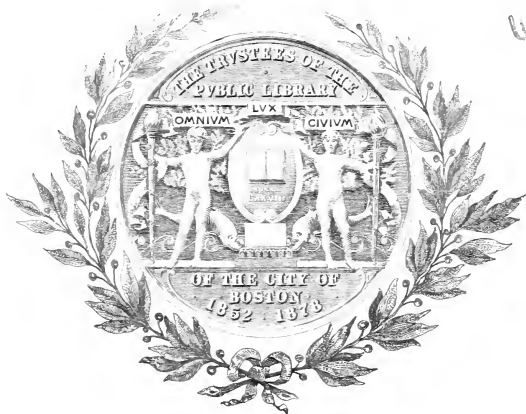


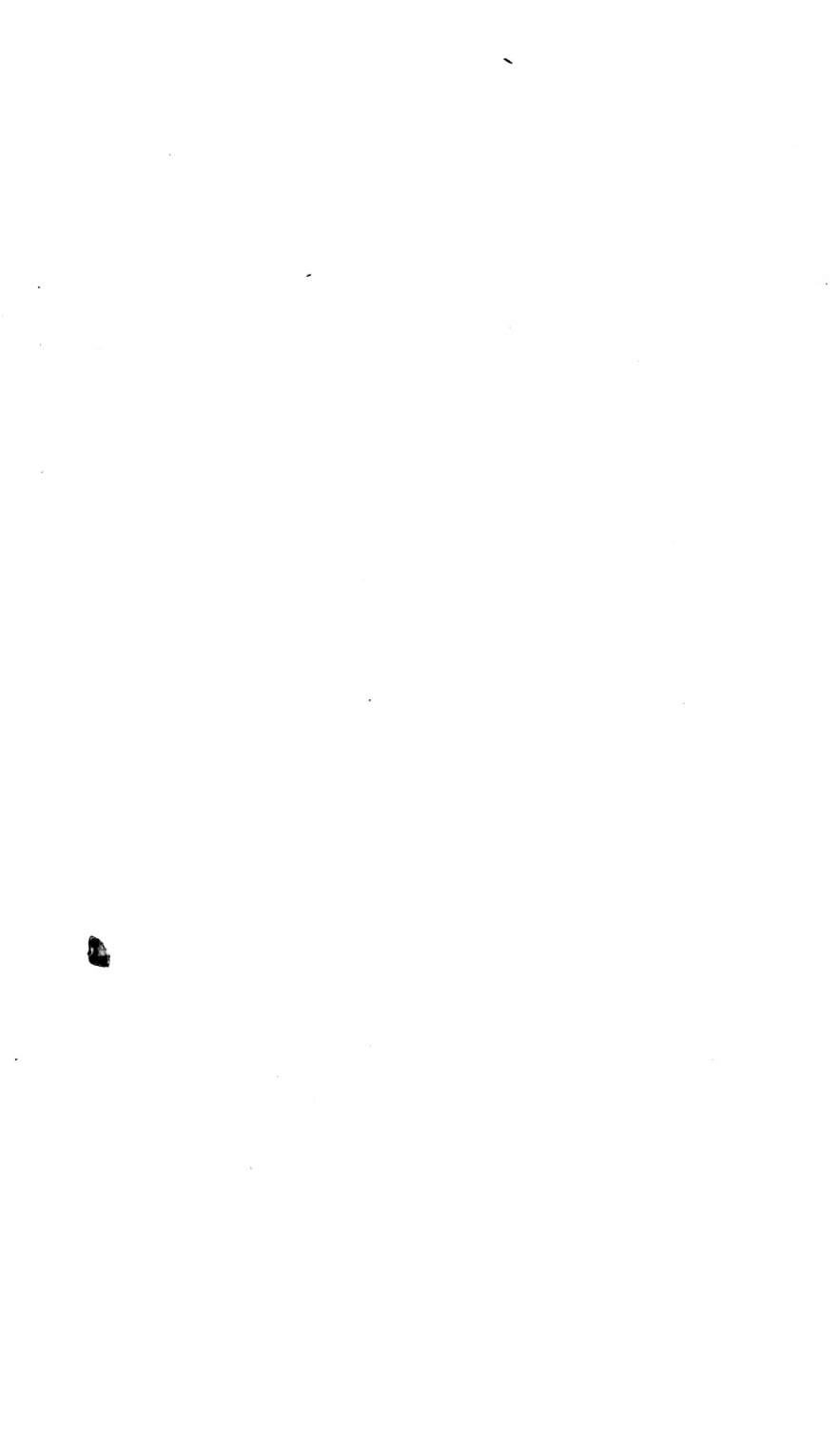


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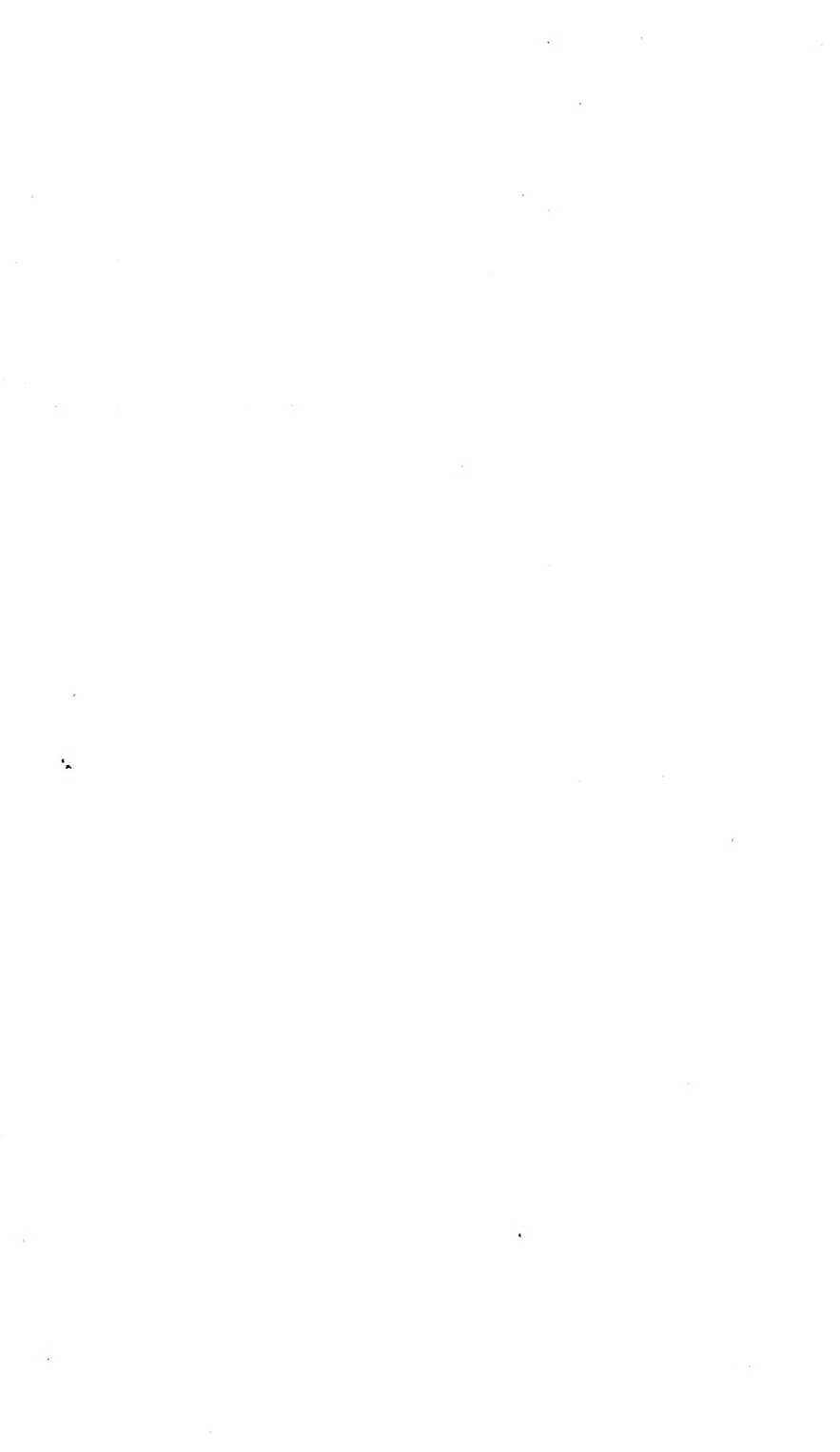


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THURSDAY, Sept. 1, 1842.

Price 1d.

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Illness of Miss Adelaide Kemble.—Our readers are already aware that Miss Kemble was announced to sing at a concert in Brighton on Wednesday. A great number of reserved seats were taken, and the disappointment experienced by those who had purchased tickets on reading a handbill, of which the following is a copy, was extreme :

81, Harley-street, Cavendish-square,
 Wednesday Morning, Eight o'clock.

" Dear Sir—My daughter, Miss Adelaide Kemble, is so seriously indisposed this morning as to render it impossible for her to go to Brighton. I regret this disappointment very deeply, and can only offer her services for Brighton and Worthing, at any future day you may select. Your's very respectfully,

C. KEMBLE.

Most of the company were not aware of this till they entered the room, but being already dressed for the concert, they seemed determined to hear as much as could be provided for them, and Miss Rainforth, Mr. Balfe, Mr. Weiss, Madame Dulcken, and Don F. Huerta gave great satisfaction by their respective performances.

The Poet Massinger.—Poor Massinger! The world was not his friend, nor the world's law, and he took all opportunities to wreak his bitterness on both. Who can blame him? Setting aside his plays, only two striking memorials of the man have reached posterity. The one is an abject letter of distress, imploring the advance of 3*l*., to release him from prison. The other is an entry in the parish register of the churchyard of St Saviour's:—" March 20, 1639-40—buried Phillip Massinger, a stranger." In the land whose language he enriched by his writings, he lived—a hunted beggar. His life was one long wintry struggle; and no one knew, no one cared to enquire, how he died. You hear of paupers for the most part, that they go to bed in a very flattering state of health, and never get up again. So it was with Massinger. " On the 16th of March," say his biographers, " he went to bed in apparent health, and was found dead in the morning in his lodgings on the Bankside."

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most peculiarly turned for this species of writing;—they were both Athenians, and flourished at the same time, but Sophocles was the elder. He died aged ninety-five, about four hundred years before Christ, *for joy* of having gained the prize by one of his tragedies. Euripides died about the same time, some say six years before, but in a less agreeable manner, for he was torn to pieces by dogs, after he had lived seventy-five years. The first of these authors composed one hundred and twenty-two tragedies, out of which only seven are extant; the latter wrote ninety-two, of which nineteen only remain.—*Vide Bailey and La Fevre,*

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Theatre Royal, English Opera.

Mr F. Matthews's Benefit

This Evening, the Drama of

CHARLES XII.

Charles XII .. Mr F. MATTHEWS,
 Muddlewerk..... Mr HARLEY,
 Gustavus de Mervelt .. Mr W. H. BLAND.
 Maj. Vanberg, Mr LYNNE, Adam Brock, Mr GRANBY,
 Col. Riekel, Mr Green, General Duckert, Mr Burt,
 Eudiga, Miss E. STANLEY,. Ulrica, Miss LEE.

In the course of the Evening,
 Miss LUCOMBE will sing the celebrated Scena from '*Der Freischutz*,'
 And the Scotch Ballad of "*Auld Robin Gray*."

After which, the Vaudeville of

The Welsh Girl.

Sir Owen Griffiths, Mr F. MATTHEWS,
 David, Mr GRANBY, Alfred, Mr A. WIGAN,
 Dora..... Mrs GRANBY, Julia..... Miss JANE MORDAUNT.

During the Evening,
 Mr. RIDGWAY will sing the Comic Songs of "*The Chinese War*,"
 and "*Tippitywitchet*."

To be followed by, the Bellet of

LA SYLPHIDE

Donald.. Mr GILBERT,
 Christie, Mr GARDENER, Hela, Mr IRELAND,
 Baillie Macwhassel, Mr FREEBORN,
 Jamie..... Master MARSHALL,
 Dame Gourlie, Mrs EMDEN,
 Jessie, Mrs DIDDEAR, Effie. Miss TAYLOR,
 Prudence, Miss MARSHALL,
 The Sylph Miss BALLIN.

To conclude with, the Farce of

Forty and Fifty.

Altamont, Mr J. Vining,
 Mr Lillywhite..... Mr F. Matthews,
 Peter, Mr Fance,
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Sir Harcourt Courtly, Mr W. FARREN,
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To conclude with,

The Irishman in London

Captain Seymour, Mr WORRELL,
Collooney, Mr BRINDAL, Frost, Mr STRICKLAND,
Murtoch Delany, Mr MALONE RAYMOND,
Edward, Mr CLARK,
Cymon..... Mr H. WIDDICOMB,
Louisa, Mrs M. RAYMOND,
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Vauxhall Gardens.—A masquerade, the last this season, was produced last night upon a splendid scale. The Gardens were brilliantly illuminated, but the humid state of the atmosphere occasioned a damp and chilling sensation, at variance with the fun and gaiety which should prevail amidst the motley group of a masquerade. The concert, the equestrian feats, and other entertainments, displayed much professional talent, and went off with éclat. Most of the fancy characters were destitute of wit or ability. The clowns, as usual, were deficient. They did not assert their liberty of speech—

" The wise man's folly is anatomized
 Even by the glances of a fool.
 Invest me in my motley, give me leave
 To speak my mind, and I will, through and through,
 Cleanse the foul body of the infected world,
 If they will patiently receive my medicine."

Most of the sailors were lubbers ; but we must do them the justice to allow that they knew how to splice the main brace. Poll of Poplar accompanied one of the tars ; she was an *out* and *outer*—

" Her father, he's a jolly dog—
 Poll keeps him spruce and brews his grog,
 And never stints his measure !—
 She minds full well the house affairs ;
 Seldom drinks, and never swears ;
 And is not that a pleasure ?"—*Dibdin*.

Amongst other conspicuous characters we noticed Old Flam, the lawyer, returned from the last circuit, and ready to file his declaration against the income tax ; Mother Goose, with a golden Egg, taken from the late Marquis of Hertford ; and a humane constable, with great bowels of compassion, who used his staff against none but women and children. A great number of dramatic characters moved about the Gardens, but the night was so adverse to the pleasures of the scene, that all seemed dull, flat, and unprofitable. At twelve o'clock there was a better display, Jews, Turks, and natives of all countries came forward in good costumes. An elegant female in a Greek dress was much admired. Bavarian girls, match girls, Jem Crows, and prostitutes dressed in every character, made up the crowd.

From a Leamington Correspondent, Wednesday, Aug. 31.—Miss Adelaide Kemble gave a concert here recently, which was very numerously attended, and formed a point of réunion for the families of rank from the adjacent parts of the country. Another of similar pretensions,

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announced for the ensuing week, by Rubini, cannot fail to command a similar overflow of company, and the novelty of a public performance by the pupils in the first class, under Mr. Mainzer's popular system, has been equally attractive; nor, in justice to the professor of music, by whom the *corps* has been organised and instructed, Mr F. Marshall, must we omit to add that the first concert given on Tuesday last at the Music Hall, where the able conductor presided at the organ, was universally pronounced by an audience of nearly four hundred persons a rich intellectual treat as effective and delightful as it was unexpected and extraordinary.

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Self-Accusation

Luke Brandon, Mr W. H. BLAND,
Justice Kindly, Mr Moore, Dawson, Mr Burt,
Joe Raby, Mr OXBERRY,
Stephan Darvell, Mr LYNNE,
Phillip Darvell, ... (his Son,).... Miss FRANCE,
Edward Howard, Mr Green,
Dyke, Mr Rogers, Gamekeeper, Mr Freeborn,
Mary Brandon.. Miss FAUCIT,
Patty Raby Miss GRANBY.

To be followed by, the Farce of

Deaf as a Post.

Captain Templeton, Mr J. Vining,
Old Walton . Mr Granby, Gallop.. Mr France,
Crupper, Mr Oxberry, Tristram Sappy, Mr Harley,
Sophia, Miss Granby, Mrs Plumply, Mrs Granby,
Amy, Miss Reed, Sally Maggs, Miss E. Stanley,

After which, the Drama of

T H E R E S E !

Carwin.. (an Advocate).. Mr DIDDEAR,
Fontaine (the Pastor)..... Mr LYNNE,
Count de Morville, Mr BURT,
Picard (the Steward)..... Mr GRANBY,
Lavigne (a Farmer) Mr FRANCE,
Delparc (a Magistrate)..... Mr GREEN,
Therese, (the Orphan of Geneva) Miss FAUCIT,
Countess De Morville.. Miss TIRRELL,
Bridget (Wife to Lavigne).... Mrs GRANBY,
Nannette.. Miss GRANBY.

To conclude with, the Farce of

Mrs. W H I T E.

Mafor Pepper.... Mr GRANBY,
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The Nervous Man And the Man of Nerve.

Aspen....(the Nervous Man)..Mr STRICKLAND,
MacShane, (the Man of Nerve) Mr M. RAYMOND,
Lord Lounge, Mr BRINDAL, Vivian, Mr GALLOT,
Oxyde, Mr GOUGH, Brown, Mr CAUFIELD,
Burnish, Mr WILSONE, Merton, Mr WORRELL,
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

THIS Theatre closed last night for the season ; there was a numerous audience. We believe the house will re-open on Monday with an entire change of performance.

Vauxhall Gardens.—On Monday there will be a day and night fete, and a grand illumination gala of 45,400 lamps, upon which occasion Mr. Green will ascend for the 283rd time, in his balloon, to be followed by the performances of Mademoiselle Caroline, Signor Antonio Boltari, Mr. Hicken, the great English rider, and Mr. Stickney, the popular American horseman. There will likewise be a grand vocal and instrumental concert, and a display of the training and sagacity of the diminutive steed, Firefly.

Curious Spectacle at Berlin—a Swimming Masquerade.—A letter from Berlin, August 3, has the following. Last week we were witnesses of a spectacle, of which there is scarcely an example in modern times, at least in Germany—a swimming masquerade. The spectacle was given by the pupils of the Royal Swimming School of Berlin, in honour of the 28th anniversary of the establishment, which has formed 23,360 good swimmers. At five o'clock, 1,200 swimmers, for the most part belonging to the army, assembled in the barrack-yard of the Infantry of the Guard, and proceeded to tents erected on the banks of the Spree, where they put on their costumes. At eight o'clock the following procession was seen to swim forward, and pass before the view of more than forty thousand spectators. First came a large flat boat metamorphosed into a large arbour, in which were four bands, who executed morsels of military music—then a car, in the shape of a shell, in which was seated Neptune with his hair and beard of reeds, and armed with his trident. This car was drawn by six dolphins and surrounded by a band of Nereids and Tritons, the latter playing the trumpets and clashing the cymbals—a numerous troop of Indian musicians, bearing on their heads brilliant plumes, adorned with collars and bracelets of coral, and bearing clubs—Scotchmen, Norwegians, Spaniards, Italians, and

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Oroveso.....Mr GIUBILEI,
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Adalgisa, Miss RAINFORTH,

ClotildaMiss LANE,
Children, Miss A. PAYNE and Miss TURNER,
Gaulish Chiefs, Druids, Bards, &c. Druidesses, &c.

At the end of the Opera

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”
WILL BE SUNG.

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BEETHOVEN'S OVERTURE to the “MEN OF PROMETHEUS.”

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GERTRUDE'S CHERRIES!

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Vincent Mr WALTER LACY,
Guibert, Mr DIDDEAR,

Jack Halcyon.....Mr HARLEY,
Crossbone, Mr MEADOWS,

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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

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" Theatre Royal, Covent Garden,

Three o'clock, Saturday, Sept. 3, 1842.

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A correspondent informs us that Miss Adelaide Kemble, with Mr. Balfe, &c, left Plymouth at midnight on Monday, travelled all night, and arrived in London in the afternoon on Tuesday, with a full intention of proceeding to Brighton the following morning; but, as has been already stated, she found herself too unwell to quit even her bedroom; she, however, was getting better, until Friday morning, when she was attacked by a complaint so prevalent just at this time, which rendered her totally incapable of appearing at Covent Garden on Saturday evening. The report which has been bruited about of her husband, M. Sartoris (erroneously called *Count*,) having objected to her re-appearance on the stage, is without the slightest foundation in truth, arrangements having been made that Mrs. Sartoris was to perform at Covent Garden until Christmas. A concert has been advertised to take place at Brighton on Monday, the 12th instant, for which Miss A. Kemble; Miss Dolby, Giubilei, and John Parry, have been engaged, and as Miss Kemble is announced to appear in *Norma* on Saturday evening, at Covent Garden, there cannot be any cogent apprehension of a second disappointment occurring at that queen of watering places.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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A Slight Mistake.—What a vast difference does the mis-spelling of a single letter often cause! *The Nottingham Review*, in noticing Mr. H. Farmer's concert, says that "Miss Rainforth is a pretty sinner!" If our contemporary does not "correct the press" better, it will be having an action brought against it for defamation of character.

A programme of the approaching season has been issued to the subscribers of the Italian Opera in Paris. It contains the names of the following artists:—Grisi and Persiani, assisted by Mesdames Brambilla, Boryogoni, Moriani, Massimino, Villaumi, Amigo, Bellini, and Grimaldi; Signors Tamburini, Mario, Corelli, Mirate, Daifiori, Magliano, Lablache, F. Lablache, and Morelli. Several new Operas are said to be in preparation.

The stone vase of the fountain in the Court of Honour of the French Institute possesses an acoustic quality of peculiar interest for men of science and musicians. On being struck with the palm of the hand on the upper surface, it emits a distinct and perfect chord of four notes. This singular fact was first observed by M. A. Elward, professor of the Conservatory, who communicated it to the Academy of Sciences, and this body has named a commission to examine and report on the extraordinary property of this musical stone.

Habits of Mozart.—Mozart wrote much in the open air. The greater part of *Don Giovanni* was composed in the bowling green of his dear friend, Dassek, at Prague—the *Requiem* likewise in Frattner's gardens at Vienna. The first quintet in the *Zauberflöte* was composed in a coffee-house, over a game of billiards. He loved to be surrounded by friends, and to hear talking and laughing go forward while he composed. But he also wrote much at night; and ceased writing neither day or night when possessed with a favorite idea. He received about fifty pounds

for each of his Operas; but for *Così fan Tutti* one hundred pounds. His chamber music was far above the taste of the day to be saleable, so that, except a trifling pension of eighty pounds, which he received for about four years, he had little to depend upon but concert-giving and teaching. The quantity of Mozart's time consumed in this mean labour cannot be thought on but with wonder and indignation. Patronage and competence arrived to poor Mozart as he lay helpless and incapable on his death-bed. Music was the last thing in his thoughts. At noon, on the 5th of December, 1791, he was singing his *Requiem*, and at midnight he had ceased to breathe.

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" Je vous entends, Seigneur ! Je vois mon imprudence :
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Bajazet de Racine.

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Miss Adelaide Kemble.—We are glad to hear that this favorite *cantatrice* is fast recovering from her late indisposition. A severe sore throat was the immediate cause of her inability to appear on Saturday at Covent Garden, but there is every reason to expect that she will sing next Saturday. Her physician (Dr. Wilson) has advised her not to go to Brighton, on Monday, consequently the concert which had been announced for that day has been postponed to the 19th inst., when Miss Kemble, Miss Dolby, Giubilei, and John Parry will sing.

Spohr.—From a correspondence in the Norwich papers, we perceive that the above illustrious musician is unable to fulfil his intention of being present at the approaching Festival, in order to conduct the performance of his Oratorio, *The Fall of Babylon*, written expressly for it. On his applying to the Elector of Hesse Cassel (whose Chapel-master he is) for a few weeks' leave of absence for that purpose, he met with a peremptory refusal.

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Life in Dublin.—This Burletta, written by Pierce Egan, was per-

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J. W. BRAINE, Surgeon."

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The Italian company commenced a brief engagement last night, but unfortunately, under exceedingly inauspicious circumstances, resulting from the partial indisposition of the "prima donna," Madame Grisi, for whom Mr. Calcraft requested the indulgence of the audience, Lablache and Mario were, however, in splendid voice, and were ably assisted by Signora Grisi and Signor F. Lablache. The Opera, *I Puritani*, passed off with éclat; and the house, we were delighted to perceive, was crowded to the roof.—*Dublin Evening Packet*.

Norfolk and Norwich Musical Festival.—This festival will take place on Tuesday the 13th of September, and the three following days. There will be three morning and three evening concerts and a fancy ball. The morning concerts will comprise the oratorios of "Creation," by Haydn: the "Fall of Babylon," a new oratorio, composed expressly for this festival, by Spohr; "Samson," newly selected from the Samson Agonistes of Milton, the music by Handel; selections from the works of Handel, Purcell. Croft, Rossini, and Mehul. The evening concerts will exhibit the choicest vocal and instrumental compositions of the modern schools of Italy, Germany, and England. Principal singers—Madame Caradori Allan, Miss Rainforth, Miss Maria B. Hawes, Miss Bassano, and Signor Paccini; Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Balfe, Mr. Bradbury, Mr. Young, Mr. Walton, and Signor Rubini. The band and chorus will consist of 400 performers, and engagements have

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Literary Dispatch.—Dr. Johnson wrote the tale of Rasselas in the evenings of one week. Sir Walter Scott began and finished "Guy Mannering" in a month, Dryden's poem of "Alexander's Feast," was the work of two days; and it is related of Shakspeare that he completed the "Merry Wives of Windsor" in a fortnight.

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Nimpedo . . Mr France, Nicolo . . Mr Hall,
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The Italian Opera.—There appear to be some fatality attending the movements of Madame Grisi, by which the public are doomed to be disappointed, and the manager likely to become a severe pecuniary sufferer. This delightful *cantatrice* made her first appearance in Hawkins Street on Monday, in Bellini's *I Puritani*, but previous to the commencement of the opera Mr. Calcraft had to crave the indulgence of the audience on her behalf, as she was then labouring under a hoarseness which would prevent her from doing ample justice to the music allotted to *Elvira*. Grisi, however, did appear, and by her singing displayed very slight symptoms of indisposition : but at the conclusion of the opera it was announced that owing to her increased illness there would be no performance on the following evening (Tuesday). *Norma* was selected for last night, and notwithstanding the unprecedented thinness of town, and the unfavourable state of the weather, at an early hour the pit and boxes presented a brilliant galaxy of fashion, ardent admirers of Bellini, and of the gifted *artistes* engaged to render justice to his composition. The expectations of the audience were, however, fated not to be realized, for an unwelcome notice was posted up, dated Wednesday evening, 4 o'clock, and signed by a medical man, certifying that Madame Grisi had suffered a relapse, which rendered it impossible for her to appear that evening, and that the opera was, therefore, postponed. Under these disheartening circumstances the manager, in order to accommodate those who might wish to remain, substituted a concert in two parts. But this arrangement seemed to afford but meagre satisfaction, as great numbers left the theatre, the residue constituting what might be termed a respectable house. There will be no opera produced until Saturday, when it is hoped that Grisi will be enabled to appear.—*Dublin Correspondent, Sept. 7.*

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“’Tis true, ’tis pity, and pity ’tis ’tis true.”

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Nimpedo.. Mr France, Nicolo.. Mr Hall,
Clari.... (the Maid of Milan) Miss M. Melville,
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The acting throughout was excellent. Messrs. Bartley, Harley, Walter Lacy, and Meadows, were greatly applauded. Mrs. Walter Lacy, as *Gertrude*, performed in the most feeling manner, and elicited the tears and applause of the audience.—The house was crowded in every part by a fashionable audience.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THE new Comedy, which has been some time in preparation at this

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Theatre, is to be called *Alma Mater; or, a Cure for Coquettes*. The principal characters will be supported by Messrs. W. Farren, Webster, Vining, Malone Raymond, Brindal, H. Holl, Howe, Clark, Tilbury, Mrs. Glover, and Miss Charles. It will be produced on Monday next. The entertainments here, this evening, are *London Assurance*, *Locomotion*, and *The Irish Lion*.

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Have just been to Holborn Hill, for another pair of WILSON'S New Footed Boots,—talk of economy, why my expense for boots will not be half as much as it used to be, and Mrs. P. has at last found a good shop for the children's shoes,—the neat little *leather bound* shoes that Wilson makes—wear twice as long as those of the ordinary description, and never look shabby. If you go, mind the houses are immediately opposite St. Andrew's Church, 95, and 97.

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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THIS Theatre has been very numerously attended during the week. *London Assurance* will be repeated to-night for the sixteenth time; after which, *The Love Chase* will be performed, for the last time at second price. Mrs. Nisbett's engagement at this Theatre will terminate on Saturday next.

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The concert opened with the *pastorale* symphony of Beethoven, and the magnificent band played it to perfection. This was followed by "God Save the Queen," our national anthem, sung and played by the whole orchestra, and in the usual extraordinary style, at once an evidence of our standard of musical taste, and John Bull's determination to exercise his high privilege of the liberty of doing what he will in the expression of his loyalty and fealty to his Lady Sovereign the Queen. The attractive solos of the vocal music were those sung by Rubini, Madame Caradori Allan, and Miss Rainforth. Rubini, in his two songs from the *Pirata* of Bellini, and the *Briganti* of Mercadante, was enthusiastically applauded, and compelled to repeat them.

The singing of Rubini is the new school, resulting from the style of Bellini, who added the surprising charm of a warm voluptuous, and yet melancholy expression to that school of music which was originally the invention of the lively and versatile Rossini. Curioni, Donzelli, and the great tenors before Rubini, were elegant, and facile vocalists, but passionate they could not be, since Rossini is without that feeling. Bellini has created the style and the style given Europe a Rubini. Miss

Rainforth was also warmly encored. Mr. Phillips substituted "The Angel of Life" for a song of Dibdin's. Mr. Hobbs sang a national song of his own composition, and Miss Hawes sang twice a song also of her own composition. Mr. Balfe sang very finely a song from the *Sonnambula* of Bellini, and with Rubini, in the duet from *L'Italiana in Algiera*. The instrumental performances were the overture to *Anacreon* by Cherubini, and a concerto composed and played by the veteran Lindley, who, at its termination, was greeted with deserved acclamations.

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QUEEN'S.—This Theatre re-opened for the winter season on Monday : the house has undergone many improvements. A new curtain and act-drop, painted by Mr. James, do him great credit, especially the latter, which is a very pretty Italian Landscape. The performances commenced with a new Drama, entitled *The Lawless of London ; or, the Sharper's Progress*, of which we cannot say so much in its favor as we have of pieces written by the same author. The language is very common place, and by far too long, however, it seemed to please the audience, which we are glad to say was a very numerous one. The acting of Parry, Manders, Miss Rogers, and Miss Wroughton, was particularly good.

Westminster Literary Institution.—Last night Mr. Bennett delivered a second lecture on part and sight singing in the theatre of the above institution. After a few opening remarks, Mr. Bennett noticed the disparity of an octave, which characterizes the voice of women and boys, as compared with the voice of men: this naturally led him to advert to the frequent transposition of music, a vice almost peculiar to this country. He then referred to the changes of the clefs, and cautioned the student against the dangers of false intonation. The lecturer then gave numerous specimens of variations in the diatonic scale, which were illustrated by a number of voices, male and female. The lecture was listened to with much attention by a numerous auditory.

The Irish Melodist.—Mr. White, the distinguished "Irish Melodist," and lecturer on Irish music, has just arrived in London, having recently returned to England from a protracted tour throughout the American States. With the successful career of this gentleman in the "far west," we have been made familiar by the many favourable notices which have come under our observation in the American papers. We hope we shall soon have the pleasure of hearing Mr. White, and of expressing more fully our sentiments on the important and interesting subject of those popular dissertations which have already won for their author so much celebrity in the world of poesy and song.

Glasgow.—Mr. Wilson's *Entertainment in the City Hall*.—Mr. Wilson, the celebrated Scotch vocalist, whose exquisite entertainments during his sojourn in the metropolis were a constant theme for the eulogiums of the daily press, and who has just returned from Taymouth Castle, where he has been carolling the sweetest of his country's songs

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

THIS Theatre will re-open on Saturday, Oct. 1st, with the Play of *As You Like It*. On Monday, Oct. 3rd, Shakspeare's Tragedy of *Hamlet*, *Prince of Denmark*, with Handel's Opera *Acis and Galatea*. On Tuesday, Oct. 4th, a Play. On Wednesday, Oct. 5th, Lord Byron's Historical Tragedy of *Marino Faliero*, with (never acted) a Vaudeville Comedy, in two acts, called *The Follies of a Night*. On Thursday, a Play. On Friday, Murphy's Comedy of *The Way to Keep Him*. The Historical Tragedy of *King John*, (from the Text of Shakspeare), Dryden's Operatic Drama of *King Arthur*, (composed by Purcell), and a new Farce are in preparation.

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Norwich Musical Festival.—*Thursday Night*.—The good people of Norfolk certainly have very keen appetites for music. Despite the throng and consequent fatigue and excitement of the morning, again was the Hall filled, though less densely than then. The concert went off with more spirit than that of last night; its complexion was gayer, and therefore more popular. The managers of provincial festivals usually think it necessary to engage some Italian singer of high reputation, at a large expense, but the gratification to a provincial audience rarely realizes the previous expectation, or repays the outlay. The true enjoyment of the Italian Opera is confined to its habitual frequenters. To every foreign nation the love of this sort of music is, of necessity, an acquired taste, and it was quite evident that the audience of St. Andrew's Hall enjoyed Hobb's singing "Sweet vale of Avoca," and Phillips's "Sailor's Journal," much more than Rubini's "Fra poco a me." They applaud the English songs because they understand and feel them, and the Italian that they may not be suspected of being vulgar. The scheme of to-night contained some classical compositions of various styles;—the "Ade-

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Figaro.... Mr LEFFLER,
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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

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BOURCAULT'S new Comedy of *Alma Mater* was repeated here last night for the second time, and went off amidst tremendous applause. The afterpieces were *Peter and Paul*, and *Tom Noddy's Secret*.—The Theatre was crowded. The following performers have parts in the new Farce of *Curiosities of Literature*, which is to be produced for the first time on Saturday next :—Mr. Webster, Mr. Tilbury, Mr. Brindal Mr. Clark, Mr. Worrell, Mrs. Stanley, Miss Carre, and Miss C. Connor.

Brighton, Tuesday.—I have just left a morning concert at which Miss Adelaide Kemble has been singing, and the sound of her voice is still ringing in my ears. Her "Casta Diva" was given with extraordinary energy, and her great powers of execution are in nowise diminished by her recent illness. The room in which she sang is a spacious one, and was completely filled, and the richness and power of her voice were heard to the best advantage. She sang the duet "Deh con te," with Miss Dolby, "The Earl was fair to see," (a duet) with Giubilei, and the ballad, "Auld Robin Gray," in all of which she charmed her numerous hearers. Miss Dolby was encored in the air "I would I were a fairy," after which she left the concert-room, and took her departure by railway to sing at the Worcester Festival. Madame Dulcken delighted the audience with two fantasias on the pianoforte. Mr. T. Wright was deservedly applauded in his performance on the harp, and Guilio Regondi, as he always does, played with great taste on his respective instruments, the concertina and guitar. A flute solo was exceedingly well played by Nicholson. The concert was over about five o'clock. Miss Kemble sings at the Theatre this evening, in conjunction with most of the above *artistes*, and I have no doubt there will be a full house.

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Italian Opera in Paris.—(From a Correspondent)—You will be happy to hear that Brambilla, the well-known contralto, is engaged for Paris. She is the original *Maffio Orsini*, in *Lucrezia Borgia*. The *primi bassi* engaged for Paris are Lablache, Tamburini, F. Lablache, and Morelli. The latter is a much better singer than he was when engaged in London. The only *primi tenori* are Mario and Mirate. There is no truth in the report that Corelli, a *primo tenore*, alike excellent as a singer and an actor, is engaged.

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On Tuesday next, a new Comic Drama, in two acts, by the author of *The Ladies' Club*, *Bob Short*, &c., entitled *Grandfather Whitehead* ! will be produced, the principal characters supported by Mr. W. Farren, Mr. Webster, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Tilbury, Mr. Clark, Master George Webster, &c. Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Edwin Yarnold. To-night the performances consist of the new Comedy, *Alma Mater ; or, a Cure for Coquettes*, Mr. Webster's Comic Drama of *Peter and Paul*, and *The Irish Lion*.

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The School for Scandal will be performed at second price on Monday evening, when Mrs. Nisbett, for one night only, will perform *Lady Teazle*.

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The White Cat.

Wunsuponatime....(King of Neverminditsnamia)....Mr J. BLAND,
Prince Paragon, Miss POOLE,
Prince Precious, Miss COOPER, Prince Placid, Miss LEE.
Count Coincide, (Minister) Mr G. HORNCastle,
Chamberlain, Mr BURT, State Pages, Mr KERRIDGE, &c.
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The White Cat, afterwards Princess Catarina, Miss MARSHALL,
Household of the White Cat :
He-Cat, (Master of the [Wooden] Horse,) Mr S. SMITH,
Herr Grimalkin(Chamberlain)..... Master MARSHALL,
The Lady Palmyra, (Mistress of the Robes) Miss TAYLOR,
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Throne Room in the King's Palace. Magic Forest and Golden Gates
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Price 1d.

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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT, a new Drama, in two acts, adapted from the French by Mark Lemon, Esq., and entitled *Grandfather Whitehead*, will be produced at this Theatre for the first time.

The new version of *Semiramide*, which is to be produced on Saturday next at Covent Garden, has, we hear, been made by Planché, whose skill and tact in undertakings of the kind is without rivalship. The story of *Semiramide* is not equal in point of interest to that of *Norma*, and although there are several exquisite pieces of music in it, such for instance, as the great duet between the heroine and *Arsace*, we are much mistaken if the performance as a whole will not be heavy. The scenery and dresses will be beautiful and gorgeous, and the two chief parts will be in great hands—those of Miss A. Kemble and Mrs. Alfred Shaw, who comes forward in her own unpretending married name, although formerly so well known as Miss Postans. The part of *Arsace* must be sung by what is technically called a *contralto* voice, but Mrs. Alfred Shaw has much *higher* pretensions as a vocalist; and thus our two finest English singers will unite to render the same Opera attractive. Those who formerly saw Pesarone in *Arsace*, will be aware what may be done with the music, and Grisi, in the season when *Brambilla* was in this country, will have left such an impression behind her in *Semiramide*, as Miss A. Kemble will find it difficult to exceed. If she equal it, she will do more than any singer, a native of this country, ever yet accomplished. It was not originally intended to bring out *Semiramide*, so early in the season, and we think it a pity that the management could not reserve it until the town is fuller. However, if Miss A. Kemble is indeed to retire at Christmas, there was no time to be lost. Circumstances have led to the production of the Opera perhaps a fortnight before the period first designed; but it was found that a new character was required for Miss A. Kemble, and accordingly *Semiramide* has been a little hastened.—*Sunday Paper*.

Duprez has just been appointed Professor of Singing at the Conservatoire. This honour seems to have been to him like another Fountain de *Jouvenee*. He has recalled his best days; his triumphs are greater and more numerous than ever. Not one performance passes without his being recalled with enthusiasm before the curtain. It is quite a resurrection. The *Divu* of M. Pillet, Madame Stoltz, just recovering from a long illness, will re-appear shortly at the Opera.

Mr. Henry Hertz has just been appointed Professor of the Piano at the Conservatoire, in lieu of M. Adam, the patriarch of pianistes; he is 83 years of age, and the father of the composer. Mayerbeer, who

has been accused of pretending that his opera, not even commenced, was finished and proclaiming to the world an imaginary name, "The Prophet," has placed his score in the hand of a notary, as his answer. Don't these Israelites understand business? The celebrated violinist, Baillot, insisted that there should be no pomp attending his obsequies, which were consequently very simple and without music. It is asked, what suggested this request? Baillot had a young Egyptian, his pupil, whom, at the funeral of Cherubini, he had heard remark, with regard to this pompous ceremony, "I know not why there are so many lights, and so much music, for a man who can neither see nor hear?"—*Paris Correspondent.*

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Count Rodolpho, Mr LEFFLER,
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Alessio, Mr G. HORNCastle,
Notary Mr A. WIGAN,
Amina, Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
Liza.....Miss POOLE,
Theresa, Mrs R. HUGHES.

Villagers, &c.—Messrs. SMITH, DAVIS, HODGES, BUTLER, &c
Mesdames JACKSON, LANE, MORGAN. VIDAL, &c.

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GERTRUDE'S CHERRIES! OR, WATERLOO IN 1835,

Willoughby, Mr BARTLEY,
Vincent Mr WALTER LACY,
Guibert, Mr DIDDEAR,
Jack Halcyon.....Mr HARLEY,
Crossbone, Mr MEADOWS,
Alcibiades Blague Mr A. WIGAN,
Carafon, Mr KERRIDGE,
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THE new Drama, written by Mr. Lemon, which was produced here last night, met with the most enthusiastic reception from a crowded and fashionable audience, and most truly did it deserve the showers of applause bestowed upon it from the beginning to the end. It is in two acts, and the following is an outline of the plot:—Grandfather Whitehead, (Farren,) is living in the house of his son-in-law, Drayton, (Tilbury.) He is in receipt of a pension from some unknown source, but the payment of which has been neglected for the last two quarters. He is in expectation, as the scene opens, of receiving it, and a sum of money answering to the amount that has usually been paid to him, is put into his hands, and confident that it is the expected payment, he rushes out to devote it to certain purchases. In his absence his son-in-law enters, and asks for the money the grandfather has appropriated to his own use. He is in despair at this discovery, and declares that certain ruin attends him, as this very money, which the grandfather has self-appropriated, was destined to save him from insolvency. At this juncture, the grandfather enters; he learns the secret of the fearful mistake he has innocently committed, and has not the courage to face his son-in-law; he, therefore, determines on leaving the house, and bids a most affecting farewell to the scene of his former happiness. Here ends the first act. At the opening of the second, we discover Langley, (Stuart,) who has been a former partner of the Grandfather, whose ruin he had caused by some act of dishonour. He had been an orphan, whom the Grandfather had taken under his protection, and at last admitted into a share of his business, making his ingratitude in abandoning his protector, to whom he owed all his advancement in life, all the blacker. When he retires for exercise in the garden, Grandfather comes in attended by a young man, who has found him nearly dead from fatigue, and exhausted by the cold of the night, helpless in the street. He procures him some refreshment, and the Grandfather gradually revives. He comes to learn afterwards that he is in the house of Langley, and irritated at being under his roof, and having partaken of his hospitality, he resolves upon leaving the house. Just at the threshold Langley comes in, and a recognition ensues, and a scene, never exceeded we are sure for real feeling and genuine pathos, here takes place. A reconciliation, however, after the difficulties have been cleverly removed, ensues, and the other parties coming in in search of Grandfather, whom they have traced to Langley's house, become parties to the interview. Drayton's ruin is averted by the timely help of Langley, who confesses his error, and demanding forgiveness of Grandfather for his ingratitude towards

him, presents him with his ill gained wealth, and the curtain drops amidst the general joy of all parties. Mr. Farren's acting is beyond all praise; we certainly never saw him to greater advantage, and the immense applause he elicited proved we were not singular in our opinion. Mr. Webster, and Mr. Strickland, acted with their usual talent, and Mr. Stuart gained applause as *Langley*. Master George Webster displayed considerable ability as *Master Drayton*, Grandfather's pet; he was much applauded. The other characters were well sustained. Mr. Farren announced the piece for repetition every evening amidst deafening plaudits.

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St. Lo, Mr WALTER LACY,
Morluc, Mr A. WIGAN, DuViray, Mr W. H. PAYNE,
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WITH THE WHOLE OF THE MUSIC, COMPOSED BY AUBER.

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Giacomo Mr GIUBILEI,
Matteo, Mr S. SMITH,
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William, Mr W. HOWARD,

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Jacob Twig, Mr OXBERRY,

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Susan.. Miss MONTGOMERY,

Dolly Mayflower Miss TAYLOR.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

MR. OXBERRY, the lessee of this Theatre, takes his Benefit to-morrow evening. The performances he has provided, and his own deserving merits, will ensure him a crowded house.

Extraordinary Scene at the Havre Theatre.—On Sunday evening there was a crowded house to witness the performance of an Opera called *La Dame Blanche*. In one of the scenes the stage had to be left vacant for a moment or two. On perceiving this, an Irish gentleman who was behind the scenes in a state of intoxication, coolly walked on to the stage. He was attired in a gaudy plaid shooting jacket, with huge leather gaiters, &c., and carried a great thick stick. The audience for a moment was literally astounded at the intrusion ; but anon rose a perfect storm of yells and hisses. The Irish gentleman, therefore, stood still, looked fiercely at the audience, and flourished his stick. Some of the audience, thinking fun might be got out of him, gave him a round of applause, whilst others stormed more than before. At length there was a pause, and—will you believe it?—the gentleman began singing one of his national melodies, something about

“ Oh ; Teddy’s the boy for bewitching ’em.

Whoop ! Hullaballoo ! Hullaballoo !”

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At length, however, he was overpowered and lodged in the station house; and so ended one of the most extraordinary scenes ever witnessed in a theatre.—*Dublin Paper*.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean are still at the Old Ship Hotel. Mrs. Kean is gradually gaining strength, and if her health continues to improve, as it has done, they will take their departure next week for Southampton. We understand that they are engaged to play here at the latter end of the month.

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MR. OXBERRY'S Benefit will take place at this Theatre to-night.

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Congreve's Comedy of *Love for Love* is being adapted for representation at Drury Lane Theatre.

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The Theatre yesterday evening was well attended, and the performances passed off with great *éclat*. The grand sinfonia in E flat by Mozart, with which the programme was opened, and which was given with all the orchestral strength, was ably performed, and elicited very loud applause, as did the overture to *Der Berggeist* at the commencement of the second part. Miss Birch was decidedly a favourite in all her songs, and much applause was bestowed on the Misses Pyne. Nothing could be finer than "Come per me," from *La Sonnambula*, which was sung by Miss Birch. The singing of Madame Caradori Allen was unsurpassable in the fine Italian airs, and the same may be said of Mr. Phillips and Mr. Machin in the beautiful sea songs. "The Sailor's Journal" was loudly encored, as was also "The British Anchor," both of which were given in excellent style. Miss Hawes sustained her parts with her usual ability, and the same may be said of Mr. Ashton and Mr. Hobbs. Among the instrumentalists several are deserving of high encomiums. Mr. Carte on the flute, Mr. Loder on the violin, Mr. Lazarus on the clarionet, Mr. Beaumann on the bassoon, and Mr. Jarrett on the horn, executed their respected parts in a manner deserving of the highest credit; nor would we omit that incomparable violoncello player, Mr. Lindley, who, though he left the music of a concerted piece which was in the order of arrangements in London, supplied the defect with admirable skill in a trio with Mr. Jay and Mr. Howell.

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AT this Theatre, on Saturday evening, an English version of Rossini's Opera of *Semiramide* was produced, for the first time. It was eminently successful. The Opera has been put upon the stage in a manner that does infinite credit to the management ; the dresses and decorations are superb—being of the most costly description. Miss Adelaide Kemble personated the character of *Semiramide*, which is exactly suited to her powers ; her splendid singing and energetic acting gained her rapturous applause throughout the whole Opera. Miss Kemble had many opportunities of display, and she availed herself of them and electrified her audience. Mrs. Alfred Shaw made her first appearance here, in the part of *Arsace* ; she was heartily welcomed on her entrance. Her singing was beautiful in the extreme ; she has a voice of great compass and sweetness, and her articulation is clear and perfect, and to add to all she is a very superior actress. The duet, "Dark day of horror," which she sang with Miss Kemble, was very beautifully sung, and rapturously encored. *Oroe*, the priest, was played in but an indifferent manner by Löffler, but too much praise cannot be bestowed on Mr. Giubilei's *Assur*. His singing and acting were of the best description, and his part of the duet with Miss Kemble, "Bear up firmly faint heart," was given with great judgment ; he was much applauded. Mr. Travers played *Idreno*, and gave the music allotted to him in a very pleasing style. At the end Miss Kemble and Mrs. Shaw were loudly called for, and a shower of applause and bouquets greeted their re-appearance from all parts of a full house. The plot of the Opera is taken from the story of *Semiramis*, the Queen of Babylon, murdering her husband *Ninus*, and unknowingly wishing to marry her own son *Arsaces*. In the end, she falls by his hand, for seeking to kill *Assur*, the instrument employed by his mother to effect her unnatural purpose, he stabs her in mistake on his father's tomb. The Farce of *Deaf as a Post* concluded. On Thursday next, the Farce of *More Blunders than One* will be acted, for the purpose of introducing to a London audience, a Mr. G. Hodson, who will make his first appearance as *Larry Hoologan*. On Saturday, after the Opera

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Matteo, Mr S. SMITH,
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H A M L E T, Prince of Denmark.

Claudius, King of Denmark, Mr G. BENNETT,
Hamlet, Mr MACREADY,
Polonius, Mr COMPTON,
Læertes, Mr ELTON,
Horatio, Mr GRAHAM,
Guildenstern, Mr LYNNE,
Rosencrantz, Mr SELBY, Osrick, Mr HUDSON,
Bernardo, Mr ELLIS,
1st Actor, Mr Waldron, 2nd Actor Mr Bender,
Priest, Mr MELLON, Marcellus, Mr ROBERTS,
Francisco, Mr YARNOLD,
First Grave-digger, Mr KEELEY,
Second Grave-digger, Mr M. BARNETT,
Sailor, Mr C. J. SMITH,
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OLYMPIC.—The winter season commenced at this Theatre last night, and soon after the opening of the doors the house was crowded ; the Theatre has been beautifully redecorated, and the gallery enlarged so as to hold upwards of eight hundred persons. The first piece was adapted to the stage from Bulwer's *Pelham ; or, the Adventures of a Gentleman*, and bears the same name. It was completely successful, and greatly applauded. Mr. Wild, Mr. Fitzjames, Mr. Baker, &c. Miss Lebatt, Miss Fitzjames, and Miss L. Melville, performed the principal characters, and displayed great talent. The scenery and getting up of the piece deserve the highest praise. The Farce of *The Artful Dodge* followed, and *Life in the Clouds* concluded.

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The Armagh Musical Society commence their concerts on the 13th instant. The Tontine Room, in which the concerts are held, has been greatly enlarged and improved, and is now one of the finest rooms in the north of Ireland. His Grace the Lord Primate, in addition to his giving his countenance and support to the society, has, with his usual munificence, made a present to the society of a splendid organ, valued at 800*l*. and a grand pianoforte of the newest construction, worth 120 guineas.

Mr. John Parry will give a morning concert at the Green Man, Blackheath, on Thursday, the 27th instant. The following eminent artists are engaged :—Miss Rainforth, Mrs. Alfred Shaw, Miss A. Toulmin, Miss Birch, Messrs. Young, Parry, and Phillips ; Lazarus, (clarionet), and Madame Dulcken, (pianoforte). Conductor, Signor Negri.

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Semiramide, Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,

Arsace, Mrs ALFRED SHAW,

*(From the Principal Theatre in Italy,—her 2nd Appearance on the
English Stage.)*

Assur Mr GIUBILEI,

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Azema, Miss LEE

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Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.

Satraps—Messrs. COLLETT, MORGAN, MACARTHY, &c.

Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

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After which, (12th Time) a New Comedy, (by Douglas Jerrold) called

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OR, WATERLOO IN 1835,

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Vincent Mr WALTER LACY,

Guibert, Mr DIDDLEAR,

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FROM THE TEXT OF SHAKSPEARE.

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First Lord, Mr ELTON, 2nd Lord, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Amiens, Mr ALLEN, Jaques, Mr MACREADY,
Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,
Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.

Rosalind, Mrs NISBETT,
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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

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Prince Precious, Miss COOPER, Prince Placid, Miss LEE.
Count Coincide, (Minister) Mr G. HORNCastle,
Chamberlain, Mr BURT, State Pages, Mr KERRIDGE, &c.
Jingo. . (the Court Fool).. Mr HARLEY,
The White Cat, afterwards Princess Catarina, Miss MARSHALL,
Household of the White Cat :
He-Cat, (Master of the [Wooden] Horse,) Mr S. SMITH,
Herr Grimalkin (Chamberlain)..... Master MARSHALL,
The Lady Palmyra, (Mistress of the Robes) Miss TAYLOR,
Daughter of the Emperor of all the Cakes Miss MORTIMER,
Daughter of the King of Sugar Candy,, Miss FLOYD.
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of the White Cat's Castle. Illuminated Saloon in the Castle. Mi-
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Bertuccio Faliero, Mr HUDSON,
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To conclude with, the Last New Farce of

The Attic Story.

Captain Carbine, Mr SELBY,
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THIS Theatre was well attended last night. The performances were *Lore's Sacrifice*, and *The White Cat*. Miss Poole sang very prettily in the last piece ; she was much applauded.

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the Duchess makes her escape from the room, and gets home to the palace in the coach provided for her husband. The Duke also returns home, and Pierre Palliot is brought to the palace in custody, the precise reason for which does not clearly appear. Here, after some amusing situations between the Duke, Doctor Druggendraft, the Duchess, and Pierre Palliot, the entire of the circumstances connected with the affair is explained. The Duke forgives his wife, and she is equally forgiving towards the Duke. The Doctor is reconciled to his nephew, who is joined in wedlock with Mademoiselle Duval, and the whole affair terminates happily. Madame Vestris and Charles Matthews played the principal characters, and it was greatly owing to their clever acting that the piece was successful.

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As You Like It.

FROM THE TEXT OF SHAKSPEARE.

The first Movement of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony will be given as an Overture to the Play, and the Entire Acts will be selected from the same Work.

Duke, (living in exile) Mr RYDER,
First Lord, Mr ELTON, 2nd Lord, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Amiens, Mr ALLEN, Jaques, Mr MACREADY,
Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,
Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON; Mr J. REEVE, &c.

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LAST night, the Opera of *Semiramide* was repeated at this Theatre to a fashionable audience ; the applause was enthusiastic. The Farce of *The Irish Tutor* was played as the afterpiece, and introduced a Mr. G. Hodson to the London boards in the character of *Terry O'Rourke* ; his performance was respectable, and he was encored in the songs he sang. The new Play of *Love's Sacrifice* has been withdrawn from among the announcements of this Theatre. On Monday next, Sheridan Knowles's Play of *The Hunchback ; Master Walter*, Mr. Vandenhoff, *Julia*, Miss Vandenhoff, her first appearance in that character. Gretry's Opera of *Richard Cœur-de-Lion* is to be the afterpiece, and on Wednesday, Colman's Comedy of *The Jealous Wife* will be acted, in which Mrs. Salzberg, late Miss Phillips, will make her first appearance in the character of *Mrs. Oakley*.

ADELPHI.—The new Drama of *The Owl Sisters*, and the Burlesque of *Norma*, will not be played at this Theatre after this week, as a new Drama is in preparation for Monday next.

Concerts will shortly be given at Brighton, Exeter, Plymouth, Bath, Clifton, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Monmouth, Hereford, Shewsbury, and Birmingham, for which Miss Bruce Wyatt, Mrs. William Loder, (late Miss Woodyatt,) Mr. Hobbs, Signor A. Sola, Mr. C. Blagrove, and Mr. Lindley, are engaged.

" *Te Deum*."—The beautiful *Te Deum* of Giovanni Adelfo Hasse, surnamed Il Sassonis, a native of Bergederf, near Hamburg, born 1699, had the following singular origin :—He had been commissioned by King Augustus III. to compose a new *Te Deum*, but having been for some time very ill, he was not disposed to study, and was unable to please himself. Meanwhile the day it was to be delivered was near at hand ; almost despairing of success, he took a walk, on a fine Sunday morning, in the Royal Park. A lusty peasant from Gruna, who was going to communion at a neighbouring church, overtook him near the palace, addressed him cordially, and kept close to him notwithstanding the cool answers he received. Vexed at being thus interrupted in his meditations, he was about to turn in a side path, when suddenly a ray of invention was kindled in his soul, and the leading idea of the *Te Deum* flashed across his mind. Not to lose it, he impetuously desired the peasant to stand still, and ran into the gardener's lodge for a piece of chalk, and was about to draw the stave across the broad shoulders of the peasant,

when the latter already amazed at the command to stand still, grew quite angry at the chalk marks on his Sunday coat, and, supposing Hasse to be mad, ran at full speed towards the city, followed by Hasse, chalk in hand, who luckily caught him, and, begging for heaven's sake to stop, wrote his leading theme upon the black coat, and drove the owner before him (humming the note as he went along) to the Park gate, when he obtained pen, ink, and paper, and copied the whole. With this treasure Hasse hastened home, and the principal parts of the "*Te Deum*" were completed. On the following day he went to Gruna, carrying a present of a dozen of wine for the obliging peasant whose black coat had been of such essential service to him.

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Or, The Inn of Terracina.

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Lorenzo, Mr TRAVERS,
Beppo, Mr J. BLAND,
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The White Cat.

Wunsuponatime....(King of Neverminditsnamia).... Mr J. BLAND,
Prince Paragon, Miss POOLE,
Prince Precious, Miss COOPER, Prince Placid, Miss LEE.
Count Coincide, (Minister) Mr G. HORNCastle,
Chamberlain, Mr BURT, State Pages, Mr KERRIDGE, &c.
Jingo, .(the Court Fool).. Mr HARLEY,
The White Cat, afterwards Princess Catarinaa, Miss MARSHALL,
Household of the White Cat :
He-Cat, (Master of the [Wooden] Horse,) Mr S. SMITH,
Herr Grimalkin(Chamberlain)..... Master MARSHALL,
The Lady Palmyra, (Mistress of the Robes) Miss TAYLOR,
Daughter of the Emperor of all the Cakes Miss MORTIMER,
Daughter of the King of Sugar Candy,, Miss FLOYD.

To-morrow, Semiramide, and the new Farce, called Cousin Lambkin.

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This Evening, Sheridan's Comedy of

THE RIVALS.

Sir Anthony Absolute, Mr LAMBERT,
(*His first appearance.*)

Captain Absolute Mr ANDERSON,

Faulkland, Mr PHELPS,

Sir Lucius O'Trigger Mr HUDSON,

Acres, Mr KEELEY,

Fag, Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,

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Servants Messrs. BENDER, HARCOURT, &c.

Boy, Master RYAN,

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ADELPHI.—A new Drama, of much interest, from the pen of Douglas Jerrold, is in rehearsal at this Theatre, and will be immediately produced. A Drama, entitled *Mathilde !* written by the eminent French author, Eugene Sue, and now acting in Paris with great success, is also in preparation here.

From a Paris Correspondent.—The Theatres are opening for the winter. The Drama of *Mathilde*, played this week at La Porte St. Martin, has not had the expected success. The novel of this name will always impede the success of the piece. Madame Stoltz made her *rentrée*, in brilliant style, in the *Reine de Chypre*. Duprez and Barroilhet, in this Opera, surpassed even their former excellence. Meyerbeer is not yet decided about giving his work. There is much talk of a Drama of Victor Hugo's, to be played shortly at the Français. The Opera Italien will open shortly, with a new tenor, M. Corelli. Rubini is, it appears, inflexible. He has by this day left your shores for the Hague, Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg. Ellsler lately made America

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Getting up a Bass Voice.—The last time I was in Dublin, I called on Tom, and found him one bitter cold and stormy morning standing at an open window, nearly quite undressed. On asking him what he was about, he said he was “getting up a bass voice; that Mrs. Somebody, who gave good dinners and bad concerts, was disappointed of her bass singer, and I think,” said Tom, “I’ll be hoarse enough in the evening to take double B. flat. Systems are the fashion now,” said he, “there is the Logierian system, and other systems, and mine is the Coldairian system, and the best in the world for getting up a bass voice.”

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Clutchem Mr W. H. PAYNE,

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To conclude with, the Farce of The

IRISH TUTOR.

Flail, Mr MEADOWS,

Tillwell..... Mr GRANBY,

Terry O'Rourke, Mr G. HODSON,

(His 3rd Appearance) in which Character he will introduce the Songs of
"Katty Mooney," and "Sweet Katty O' Lynch."

Charles, Mr A. WIGAN,

Beadle Mr S. SMITH,

First Villager, Mr Collett,

Second Villager, Mr Ireland, 3rd Villager, Mr Heath,

Rosa, Miss LEE,

Mary Mrs HUMBY.

On Monday, The Hunchback, & the Opera of Richard Cœur-de-Lion.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the Play of

As You Like It.

FROM THE TEXT OF SHAKSPEARE.

The first Movement of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony will be given as an Overture to the Play, and the Entre Acts will be selected from the same Work.

Duke, (living in exile) Mr RYDER,
First Lord, Mr ELTON, 2nd Lord, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Amiens, Mr ALLEN, Jaques, Mr MACREADY,
Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,
Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.

Rosalind, Mrs NISBETT,
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Price 1d.

" The Play's the thing."—Ask for *Thomas's Observer*.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

ON Saturday evening the Opera of *Semiramide* was performed at this Theatre to a very fashionable and numerous audience, and rapturously applauded ; it was followed by a new Farce, written by Mr. Morton, and entitled *Cousin Lambkin* ; it was successful, and will be repeated every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The following is the plot : Squire Mulberry (Bartley,) a jolly foxhunting country gentleman, has a niece, who marries Captain Bantam (Walter Lacy.) The captain is a duellist—an accomplishment which the Squire detests—and being engaged in an affair of honour soon after his marriage, Mrs. Bantam, (Miss Cooper,) endeavoured to conceal the fact, by passing off her cousin Doctor Lambkin, (Harley,) upon the old gentleman as her husband. The Squire who has never seen either of the gentlemen, is delighted with his relative—and the Doctor, who is really in love with the Squire's ward, Rose Maynard, (Miss Lee,) finds himself under the disagreeable necessity of sustaining the character which had been forced upon him. In the meantime the real Captain Bantam, having disposed of his duel by wounding his antagonist, resolves on paying a visit *incog.* to his wife's uncle on his way back to town, and assumes the name of Cousin Lambkin. The Squire receives him as his ward's intended suitor, and the mistakes arising out of this double personation, are very laughable. The Captain gets furiously jealous when he learns that another person has usurped his name and place, and the Doctor is equally enraged to find that there is another Richard in the field who is making love to his intended. At length the Captain and the cousin meet, a mutual explanation takes place, and they each agree to keep up the deception. The honest Squire perceives there is some mystery which he cannot penetrate—passes himself as Captain Bantam to a strange gentleman, who is making particular inquiries for the Captain, and gets himself arrested for a breach of the piece, instead of the real delinquent. A general explanation and reconciliation at length take place, and all parties are made happy and comfortable, according to stage system. Mr. Harley was exceedingly comic, and Mr. Bartley and Mr. Walter Lacy were deservedly much applauded. *The Irish Tutor* concluded.

Adelphi,—Douglas Jerrold's Drama of *The Hazard of the Die* will be played at this Theatre for the first time to-night ; after which, the Fairy Spectacle of *The Daughter of the Danube* will be produced for the first time here, in which Madame Proche Giubilei will make her first appearance on these boards, and Mr. Wieland will take his original part of the *Imp*. *The Owl Sisters*, and *Norma*, are to be the other entertainments.

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Sir Thomas Clifford..... Mr CHARLES PITT,
Wilford, Mr A. WIGAN,
Modus, Mr J. VINING. Heartwell, Mr DIDDEAR,
Lord Tinsel, Mr WALTER LACY,
Gaylove, Mr BINGE, Fathom, Mr MEADOWS,
Thomas, Mr GRANBY,
Stephen Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Williams, Mr J. RIDGWAY,
Simpson.. Mr Collett, Waiter.. Mr Hughes,
Holdwell, Mr Moore.
Servants, Messrs. Kerridge and Ireland
Julia Miss VANDENHOFF,
(*Her first appearance in that character.*)
Helen Mrs WALTER LACY.

After which, will be revived, GRETRY's Opera, (in 3 Acts) of

RICHARD CŒUR-DE-LION

As recently produced in Paris, with the additional Orchestral Accompaniments by ADOLPHE ADAM.

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Scenery, by Messrs. Grieve. Decorations & Appointments by Mr. W. Bradwell.
Dresses by Mesdames Glover and Rayner.

Richard, Mr TRAVERS, Sir Owen, Mr LEFFLER,
Blondel, Mr W. HARRISON,
Florestan..... Mr HORNCastle,
Guillot, Mr BINGE,
Antonio Miss POOLE,
Wilhelm & Collette, Master & Miss MARSHALL,
Old Mathew, Mr Poulter,
Seneschal.. Mr Melville, William.. Mr Morgan,
Matilda, Mrs VIDAL,
Lauretta..... Miss RAINFORTH,
Dorcas, Mrs R Hughes, Julia, Miss FLOYD,
Knights, Soldiers, &c.

To-morrow, Semiramide, Cousin Lambkin, and The Omnibus

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of

H A M L E T, Prince of Denmark.

Claudius, King of Denmark, Mr G. BENNETT,
Hamlet, Mr MACREADY,
Polonius, Mr COMPTON,
Læertes, Mr ELTON,
Horatio, Mr GRAHAM,
Guildenstern, Mr LYNNE,
Rosencrantz, Mr SELBY, Osrick, Mr HUDSON,
Bernardo, Mr ELLIS,
1st Actor, Mr Waldron, 2nd Actor, Mr Bender,
Priest, Mr MELLON, Marcellus, Mr ROBERTS,
Francisco, Mr YARNOLD,
First Grave-digger, Mr KEELEY,
Second Grave-digger, Mr M. BARNETT,
Sailor, Mr C. J. SMITH,
Ghost of Hamlet's Father, Mr PHELPS,
Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, Mrs WARNER,
Ophelia, Miss P. HORTON,
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KNOWLES's Play of *The Hunchback* was performed at this Theatre, yesterday evening. Miss Vandenhoff appeared in the part of *Julia*, and made a very favourable impression upon her audience ; she has added to her reputation as an actress by her performance, and elicited well-earned applause. Mr. Vandenhoff personated the Hunchback, *Master Walter*, in a respectable manner. Mr. Charles Pitt's *Sir Thomas Clifford* deserves much approbation ; he displayed considerable judgment and feeling. J. Vining, as *Modus*, and Walter Lacy, as *Lord Tinsel*, were very amusing. Mrs. Walter Lacy acted her original character of *Helen*, and fascinated her audience by her arch and animated personation ; she was greatly applauded. After the Play, Gretry's Opera of *Richard Cœur-de-Lion* was revived. It is taken from Burgoyne's Historical Romance of the same name, and which was prepared for representation a long time back at Drury Lane Theatre ; we do not think it will have a very long run here, although its reception was very favorable last night. Miss Rainforth, as *Lauretta*, did her utmost for the success of the piece and her exertions were duly appreciated by the audience. Miss Poole, as *Antonio*, ably seconded her efforts. Mr. Travers was very successful in a duet with Mr. Harrison. The latter and Mr. Leffler did not please us as *Blondel* and *Sir Owen* ; their singing was bad, and their attempts at acting quite laughable. The Opera has been put upon the stage in a costly manner, and some of the incidents are very effectively represented.—There was a numerous audience.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

WE have only to record the undiminished attraction of the new Comedy of *Alma Mater*, *Grandfather Whitehead*, and *The Curiosities of Literature*, at this Theatre : they draw a crowded audience every night.

Olympic.—Last night the new Extravaganza of *Jack Nokes and Richard Styles* was produced here to a very crowded house, and received with laughter and applause, which we think may be attributed to the very comic acting of Mr. Wild, the talented lessee, and not to any intrinsic merit in the piece itself.

Queen's.—We visited this Theatre last evening to witness a dramatic Spectacle, entitled *The Shadow ; or, the Poisoned Flower* ; it is as well written as most pieces of the sort, where the imagination is carried away to scenes of supernatural bliss. The piece is exceedingly well got up, both as regards dresses and scenery ; of the latter, the Aquatic Palace of Roses, displayed with fountains of real water, was beautiful, and does great credit to the management. Of the acting all that could

be desired was accomplished by the different performers, among whom is a Miss Taylor, who we think will be an acquisition to this Theatre. The performances concluded with the Drama of *The Female Massaroni*, and the Nautical Drama of *Wapping Old Stairs*.—The house, we are glad to say, was crowded.

The value of Covent Garden and Drury Lane Theatre property will be put to the test on Thursday, at the Auction Mart. Mr. George Robins may this season eulogise both in great safety.

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Semiramide, Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,

Arsace, Mrs ALFRED SHAW,

(From the Principal Theatre in Italy,—her 5th Appearance on the English Stage.)

Assur Mr GIUBILEI,

Oroe, Mr LEFFLER,

Idreno Mr TRAVERS,

Mitranes, Mr HUGHES,

Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,

Azema, Miss LEE.

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL.

Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.

Satraps—Messrs. COLLETT, MORGAN, MACARTHY, &c.

Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

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Julia Ledger, Miss LEE,

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To-morrow, The Jealous Wife, and Richard Cœur-de-Lion.

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STRANGER

The Stranger, Mr MACREADY,
Baron Steinfort..... Mr PHELPS,
Count Wintersen, Mr LYNNE,
Mr Solomon Mr COMPTON,
Peter, Mr KEELEY,
Francis.. Mr HUDSON, Tobias.. Mr G. BENNETT
Count's Son.. Master RYAN,
Stranger's Children.. Miss Greene and Miss Howard,
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The veteran Lindley and the party of vocalists, including Mrs. Loder, Miss Bruce Wyatt, Signor Sola, and Hobbs, with whom he is making a provincial tour, performed last night at a concert in this town, but even the talent of the great violoncello player fail to attract ; the room was not well attended. Lindley played a fantasia delightfully, and was most enthusiastically applauded ; a fantasia on the pianoforte by Miss D'Egville, was also received favourably ; and an *encore* was bestowed on Miss Bruce Wyatt in her song of " Comin' thro' the Rye." Mr. J. Wallack met with good success at the Theatre. He took a Benefit, and was honoured with a good house.—*From a Brighton Correspondent*.

The Alma.—A version of the *Alma* is in a forward state of preparation as the Adelphi Theatre. Madame Proche Giubilei, of Her Majesty's Theatre, will sustain the principal character.

De Beriot has accepted his new appointment by M. Auber, president of the Conservatory of Music, as professor of the violin to that institution, in the room of M. Baillot, recently deceased. He has arrived in Paris from Brussels.

Liszt, the celebrated pianist, has got himself into hot-water with the greater portion of the French press, in consequence of having sung at his recent concerts in Berlin two or three national German songs, which are supposed to reflect on the French nation; and these sung by one, in their own words, "*Lui qui la France a tiré de la poussière*," (whom France has raised from the scum of the earth). The *Figaro* of Berlin, and the *Gazette de Dusseldorf*, take Liszt's part.

Fanny Ellsler and the Académie Royale.—We are informed, the agent of Fanny Ellsler has been endeavouring to arrange matters between that lady and the Académie Royale ; more especially that part of the breach which relates to the heavy damages obtained against her, but as yet without effect. We believe he now despairs of doing so, there being another petticoat in the case. Fanny offered to clear off all old scores by dancing for the Académie 25 nights *gratis*.

New York.—Park Theatre.—Mr. Simpson has much reason to be satisfied with the success he has met with since the re-opening of Old Drury. He has, indeed, at no little expence, engaged many talented players, who have heretofore been regarded as *stars* ; and, where in former times, we were favoured with the light of one only at a time, we now behold some half dozen shining in conjunction with each other. This

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COLMAN'S Comedy of *The Jealous Wife* was performed here yesterday evening, and introduced Mrs. Salzberg, late Miss Phillips, after an absence of eight years. She was very cordially received by the audience, and her clever personation of *Mrs. Oakly* deserved and received the warmest applause. Mr. Vandenhoff performed *Mr. Oakly* with gentlemanly ease. Mr. Walter Lacy's *Lord Trinket* was an excellent piece of acting, and Mr. Hodson made a very favourable impression as *Captain O'Cutter*. Mr. Harley, as *Sir Harry Beagle*, was redolent with humour, and created much laughter and applause. *Lady Freeloze*, and *Harriet* were well played by Mrs. Orger and Miss Cooper. The Comedy was well received. Gretry's Opera of *Richard Cœur-de-Lion* concluded the entertainments.

Mr. Henry Betty has been performing some of his most successful characters at Margate during the past week. In *Romeo* and *Macbeth* his fame has already spread, and people are now aware of the excellence of his performance in these and other of Shakspeare's Plays. This talented actor has now made his *début* in two fresh characters—that of *Claude Melnotte*, in *The Lady of Lyons*, and *Thoas*, in *The Athenian Captive*. Both of these he sustained with intense feeling and great effect. His performance was honoured with the presence of the *élite* of the place. The celebrated and talented author, Mr. Serjeant Talfourd, came down purposely to witness Mr. Betty's representation of *Thoas*, which appeared to agree perfectly with his conception, as he joined constantly in the applause which resounded on all sides.

Triennial Meetings.—In consequence of the necessary repairs, now in progress within the cathedral at Hereford, it is feared that they will not be completed in time for the holding of the festival in that city next autumn, if so, the meeting will most probably take place at Gloucester. The Birmingham Festival will be held next autumn; but it is not certain that the New (St. George's) Hall at Liverpool will be completed in time so as to have a festival in that modern Tyre.

Music in Austria.—In the schools attached to the convents music is cultivated equally with the classics and foreign languages. There are some abbeys where, besides the usual choristers, their choir is aided by the students, novices, and professors. A military band is often united to their instrumental music. In a life, uniform and monotonous such as theirs, where the bell and the dial regulate their every act, music may well be termed the poetic side. In the convents on the Danube every

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Idreno Mr TRAVERS,

Mitranes, Mr HUGHES,

Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,

Azema, Miss LEE.

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL.

Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.

Satraps—Messrs. COLLETT, MORGAN, MACARTHY, &c.

Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

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Cousin Lambkin.

Squire Mulberry, Mr BARILEY,

Captain Bantam Mr WALTER LACY,

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Mrs Bantam, Miss COOPER,

Rose Maynard, Miss LEF, Dainty, Mrs HUMBY,

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DEAF as a POST

Captain Templeton, Mr COOPER,

Tristram Sappy Mr HARLEY,

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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Zanetto, Mr C. J. Smith, Doro, Mr STANTON,
Antonio, Mr SIEVIER, Signor of the Night, Mr WALDRON,
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ADELPHI.—This Theatre was crowded last night in every part. Mr. Douglas Jerrold's Drama of *The Hazard of the Die* was the first piece, and created much interest, the performers playing their respective characters in a manner that did them infinite credit, particularly Lyon and O. Smith, as *David Duvergne*, and *Aristides Kalmer* ; the applause bestowed upon them was considerable. The Ballet of *The Daughter of the Danube* followed, in which Madame P. Giubilei danced with such fascinating grace as to cause continued bursts of applause. Wieland's *Imp* was irresistibly comic, and drew forth shouts of laughter. The Farce of *Dobson and Co.* came next, and the very clever acting of Wright and Wilkinson, kept the audience in a roar of laughter. The Burlesque of *Norma* concluded a most delightful evening's entertainment. Mrs. H. P. Grattan sang in the course of the evening the song of " The frightful old Bachelor," in a charming manner, and was obliged to repeat it amid general applause.

Wilson at Liverpool and Manchester.—This distinguished vocalist's farewell entertainment at Liverpool, drew an immense audience at the Liver Theatre, on Friday night last week, there being nearly 1700. in the house ; the orchestra, stage, and stage-wings were crowded by fashionable parties. Mr. Wilson, at the conclusion of the entertainment, took leave of the audience in a brief address, which called forth reiterated plaudits, and on leaving Liverpool to fulfil engagements at Manchester, Derby, Sheffield, and Doncaster, he carries with him the best wishes of all classes, and he may rest assured that, when he shall revisit Liverpool, a " Highland welcome" awaits him.

Dr. Ireland, the late Dean of Westminster, has by will bequeathed the celebrated bookcase, formerly in the possession of Handel, containing sixty-seven manuscript volumes of his compositions, written by his amanuensis Smith, to Mr. John Leman Brownsmith, of Westminster Abbey. There are thirty-three Operas, twenty-two Oratorios, the Chandos and Coronation Anthems, Te Deums, Jubilates, Serenatas, Grand and Organ Concertos, &c. There is also a miscellaneous volume,

containing overtures and pieces from various Operas, not mentioned in any published list of Handel's works.

Mademoiselle Celeste has met with a most enthusiastic reception in this country. Upwards of 3,000 persons visited the theatre on the night of her first appearance, after an absence of two years. The entire dress circle was occupied by ladies, a compliment peculiar to America. She has been offered 15,000 dollars for her first ten weeks' engagement, a sum amounting to 3,000*l.* sterling.—*The New York Journal of Commerce.*

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Gaylove, Mr BINGE, Fathom, Mr MEADOWS,
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Adelaide Gallery.—In addition to the dissolving views, the experiments, and the other attractions of this pleasant little promenade, the Infant Thalia has recently made her appearance, and has been greeted with as kind a reception as was awarded by an undiscerning public to the Infant Sappho some time past. The merits of the Infantine pair are nearly of the same order. For those who can divest themselves of this increasing passion for the wonderful, the Adelaide Gallery will be found to contain metal somewhat more attractive than the Misses *Kenwigs* who are furnished up for the nonce as Sapphos or Thalias.

Rossini.—When Rossini visited this country, I was introduced to him by Sgnoletti. He was a fine, portly, goodlooking fellow, a voluptuary that revelled in the delights of the table as much as in the luxury of sweet sounds. He had just composed a dirge on the death of Lord Byron, the score of which he exhibited to me, obviously penned with the greatest rapidity. I heard part of it performed, and thought it worthy of that great genius. I am not aware that this work has been printed. He sang the principal airs himself in a graceful manner, and with a rich liquidity of tone ; the easy movement of his voice delighted me ; his throat seemed lacquered with Florence oil, so ripe and luscious were the tones he threw out. He was a perfect master of the piano-forte, and the mode of his touching that instrument was beautifully neat and expressive. Garcia had brought his daughter, Malibras, then only fourteen, for the Maestro to hear her sing ; he had accompanied her in a cavatina. When he sat down, he had his walking stick in his hand, for he was a great beau, and he contrived to hold it while he was playing ; but Madame Colbran, his wife, seeing the incumbrance, drew it away. He was the most joyous, good-natured, well-fed fellow I ever saw ; and I have no doubt, when at Carlton House, he broke through all ceremony, and was as much at ease with his Majesty as represented. In his operatic pieces, his style is as gay as himself ; light and cheering, glowing with the brightest colours—a path so flowery that it gives birth to a new set of feelings in the musical science. Having none of the dark shades of Beethoven, we are lured into the gayest flowers of fancy. His compositions, though highly ornamented, possess a simplicity of thought, in-

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Splendid Compliment.—When Haydn was in England, Sir Joshua Reynolds had just taken the portrait of Mrs. Billington, in the character of St. Cecilia listening to the celestial music, as she is usually drawn, Mrs. Billington showed the picture to Haydn. "It is like" said he, "but there is a strange mistake." "What is that?" asked Reynolds hastily. "You have painted her listening to the angels; you ought to have represented the angels listening to her."

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Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

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Clutchem Mr W. H. PAYNE,

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Rose Maynard, Miss LEF, Dainty, Mrs HUMBY,

To conclude with, the Farce of

THE OMNIBUS

Mr Ledger, Mr GRANBY,

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Pat Rooney Mr G. HODSON,

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On Monduy, Macbeth, and Richard Cœur-de-Lion.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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THE RIVALS.

Sir Anthony Absolute, Mr LAMBERT,
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Acres, Mr KEELEY,
Fag, Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
David..... Mr COMPTON,
Coachman, Mr MELLON,
Servants Messrs. BENDER, HARCOURT, &c.
Boy, Master RYAN,
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ON Saturday evening the Opera of *Semiramide* was represented to a crowded and fashionable audience ; the applause bestowed upon Miss Adelaide Kemble, Mrs Alfred Shaw, and Mr. Giubilei, was most enthusiastic. The new Farce of *Cousin Lambkin* followed, and was received with increased applause. *The Omnibus* concluded. Cimarosa's celebrated comic Opera, *Il Matrimonio Segretto*, will be the next musical production at this Theatre. Mrs. Alfred Shaw will enact the old lady's part, which was rendered so conspicuous by Madame Malibran, at her Majesty's Theatre, some years ago. It is reported that Mr. Charles Kemble intends to appear in a few old characters, such as *Wolsey*, *King Lear*, &c.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

IN consequence of the re-appearance of Mr. Buckstone at this Theatre, the successful pieces of *Alma Mater*, and *The Curiosities of Literature*, can only be played to-night and to-morrow. On Wednesday the Comedy of *Married Life* will be performed, in which Mr. Buckstone will take his original character of *Mr. Henry Dove*.

Adelphi.—The Drama of *The Hazard of the Die* will be repeated for six nights more, when it must be withdrawn to make way for *The Miser's Daughter*, which has been for some time in preparation here, and will be produced with new scenery, dresses, novel effects, &c., on Monday evening next. The piece has been dramatized and adapted by Mr. Edward Stirling from the popular work of the same name, by permission of the author, W. Harrison Ainsworth, Esq. who, in conjunction with George Cruikshank, Esq. will personally superintend the numerous tableaux, &c. as illustrated in "Ainsworth's Magazine." *The Daughter of the Danube*, *Dobson and Co.*, and *Norma*, are to be the afterpieces during the present week.

Olympic.—Mark Leman's clever adaptation, *The Adventures of a Gentleman* continues very attractive ; it will be acted every night, followed by a new Farce, entitled *A Scotch Mist*, and a Burlesque by W. L. Rede, Esq. called *Norval*. This painfully pathetic production is founded upon facts, extracted from the well-known Tragedy of *Douglas*, written by Mr. Home, and refused by Mr. Garrick. It is enlivened by sundry moving melodies and interesting incidents—a row and horrific combat between Young Norval and Glenalvon !—Randolph to the rescue !—a mystery—a disclosure—Attempted assassinations—Maternal tenderness and filial affection—The lost child found—Defeat of the guilty Glenalvon, and happiness of the innocent and virtuous Douglas. The incidents after the best models—and the catastrophe

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Dress. by Mesdames Glover and Rayner.

Duncan, .. (King of Scotland) .. Mr J. BLAND,
Malcolm, Mr J. VINING,

Donalbain, Miss KENDALL,

Macbeth, Mr VANDENHOFF,
Macduff, Mr C. PITT,

Banquo, Mr COOPER,
Fleance, Miss MARSHALL, Siward, Mr BINGE,
Rosse, Mr DIDDEAR,

Lenox, Mr A. WIGAN, Physician, Mr GRANBY,
Seyton, Mr G. HORNCastle,

1st Officer, Mr W. H. Payne, 2d ditto, Mr J. Ridgway,
Lady Macbeth, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)

Gentlewoman, Miss LEE,

Hecate Mr LEFFLER,

1st Witch, Mr BARTLEY, 2nd ditto, Mr MEADOWS,
3rd Witch, Mr HARLEY.

Principal Singing Witches,

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WEST, G. HODSON, F. MATTHEWS, GILBERT, &c.

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After which, (4th Time) GRETRY's Opera, (in 3 Acts) of

RICHARD CŒUR-DE-LION

As recently produced in Paris, with the additional Orchestral Accompaniments by ADOLPHE ADAM.

Richard, Mr TRAVERS, Sir Owen, Mr LEFFLER,
Blondel, Mr W. HARRISON,

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Guillot, Mr BINGE,

Antonio Miss POOLE,

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H A M L E T, Prince of Denmark.

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Polonius, Mr COMPTON,
Læertes, Mr ELTON,
Horatio, Mr GRAHAM,
Guildenstern, Mr LYNNE,
Rosencrantz, Mr SELBY, Osrick, Mr HUDSON,
Bernardo, Mr ELLIS,
1st Actor, Mr Waldron, 2nd Actor, Mr Bender,
Priest, Mr MELLON, Marcellus, Mr ROBERTS,
Francisco, Mr YARNOLD,
First Grave-digger, Mr KEELEY,
Second Grave-digger, Mr M. BARNETT,
Sailor, Mr C. J. SMITH,
Ghost of Hamlet's Father, Mr PHELPS,
Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, Mrs WARNER,
Ophelia, Miss P. HORTON,
Actress, Miss TURPIN.

After which, the Opera of

Acis and Galatea.

Cupid..Miss GOULD.

cis. (a Shepherd Boy) Miss P. HORTON,
Damon, (a Shepherd,) Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus....(a Cyclops).... Mr STRETTON,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs.Howell & Sevier,
Galatea (a Sea-Nymph... .. Miss ROMER,
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Olympic.—Last night this Theatre was crowded, and the whole of the entertainments went off with great applause. We subjoin the plot of the new Farce entitled *A Scotch Mist*, which was acted for the first time last night : Mrs. M'Weezle is an ancient Scotch lady of strong Highland prejudices, and having a niece to dispose of in marriage, determines that no one shall have her but a kilted clansman. Unluckily, however, Florence Mayland has chosen for herself, having fixed her affections upon her cousin, Frederick Manifold, and at the opening of the piece these two meet accidentally at one of those never-failing dramatic rendezvous, a country inn. Instantly Miss Mayland contrives a plan for getting the written consent of her aunt (without which her fortune reverts to the old lady), which is no other than personating Rory M'Nab's mother. The old lady is anxiously awaiting the coming of the bridegroom of her own choosing—he is announced, and Florence comes on in her disguise. Everything for a time succeeds admirably ; the *pseudo*-Highlander imposes so far upon her aunt as to persuade her to sign the consent—the pen is in the old lady's hand—when, lo ! the cheat is discovered by the entrance of another Rory, and that there shall be no doubt of the genuineness of *his* pretensions, he brings his own mother to identify him. This time the consent is to be signed in reality, and Florence is in despair, for she has not recognised her lover in his disguise. Again Mrs. M'Wheezle seizes the pen, when a flourish of bagpipes is heard, and in capers the real Rory. But Mrs. M'Wheezle is not to be, she says, deceived, and actually gives her consent to Manifold

The piece ends with the happiness of the lovers, the despair of the Highlander and that of the duped aunt. The acting generally was good. The Drama of *The Adventures of a Gentleman* was the first piece, and a Burlesque of the Tragedy of *Douglas*, written by Mr. Rede, concluded. It is a very laughable travestie, and Mr. Wild's *Young Norval*, and Miss LeBatt's *Lady Randolph*, created shouts of laughter and applause.

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Henry, Mr A. WIGAN,

Frederick, Mr BINGE,

Mr Scrivener, Mr GRANBY, Bombardine, Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Teddy Mullooney, Mr G. HODSON,

In which he will introduce the Song of "*Darby Kelly*."

Tim, Mr KERRIDGE, Richard, Mr HEATH, John, Mr HUGHES,

Sniff, Mr J. RIDGWAY, Apewell, Mr COLLETT,

Clerks, Messrs. GARDEN & GARDNER,

Lady Dunderford, Mrs TAYLEURE,

Oriel, Miss LEE,

Flora, Mrs HUMBY, Julia, Miss LANE,

First Old Maid, Mrs EMDEN, 2nd Old Maid, Miss SOMERVILLE.

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Harry Dornton Mr ANDERSON,
Mr Milford, Mr GRAHAM,
Mr Sulky Mr LAMBERT,
Goldfinch, Mr C. MATHEWS,
Silky Mr COMPTON,
Mr Smith, Mr LYNNE,
Hosier, Mr WALTON, Jacob, Mr M. BARNETT,
Furrier, Mr HARCOURT,
Hatter, Mr CARLE, 1st Tradesman, Mr MELLON,
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Waiter.. Mr Sevier, William.. Mr Bender,
Tennis Markers.. Messrs. Ellis and Yarnold,
Postilions Messrs. Hance and Seymour,
Servant, Mr Paulo.
Widow Warren Mrs C. JONES,
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Thalberg will commence a professional tour through the provinces, at Brighton, on the 31st inst., accompanied by Signor and Madame Ronconi, Mrs. A Toulmin, and John Parry. The party will pay Ireland and Scotland a visit. Brighton is quite full of company.

Concerts on a very extensive scale will be given by some influential members of the musical profession, at the Lyceum Theatre, in the course of the winter.

Jullien's concerts are well attended every night and his performances and those of Richardson and Koenig give great satisfaction. Thalberg performs here in the course of a week or two, and Mrs. Alfred Shaw is engaged to sing at Messrs. Wright's in December.—*Brighton Correspondent*.

Mr. Jacobs.—This prince of conjurors has exhibited his extraordinary performances at the Theatre during the past week to crowded audiences, who, judging by the unqualified applause, must have been highly delighted. The tricks are performed in the most clever style, and the temple of the magician has a splendid appearance. As a ventriloquist, Mr. Jacobs has few equals, and the entire amusements are of a highly pleasing description, not only interesting to the juvenile portion of the community, but affording pleasure to the children of a larger growth. Mr. Jacobs is one of the first wizards of the age, and his performances merit the patronage he receives. We perceive he will perform again on Tuesday evening.—*The Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse Herald*, Oct. 15.

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Sir Giles Overreach Mr VANDENHOFF,
Wellborn, Mr COOPER,
Allworth Mr J. VINING,
Justice Greedy.. Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Marrall, Mr MEADOWS.
Order Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Furnace, Mr S. SMITH,
Amble Mr J. RIDGWAY,
Welldo, Mr COLLETT,
Watchall, Mr KERRIDGE, Tapwell, Mr GRANBY,
Vintner, Mr IRELAND, Tailor, Mr RIDGWAY,
Servants.. Messrs. Moore, &c
Lady Allworth, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)
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This Evening, the Play of

As You Like It.

FROM THE TEXT OF SHAKSPEARE.

The first Movement of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony will be given as an Overture to the Play, and the Entre Acts will be selected from the same Work.

Duke, (living in exile) Mr RYDER,
First Lord, Mr ELTON, 2nd Lord, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Amiens, Mr ALLEN, Jaques, Mr MACREADY,
Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,
Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.

Rosalind, Mrs NISBETT,
Cecilia, (Daughter to Duke Frederick) Mrs STIRLING
Phebe, (a Shepherdess) Mrs SERLE,
Audrey (a Country Wench) Mrs KEELEY,

Previous to the Comedy, Auber's Overture to "Le Domino Noir."

After which, (12th Time) a New Vaudeville Comedy, in 2 Acts, called The

Follies of a Night.

Philip Duke de Chartres, Mr HUDSON,
Count de Brisac Mr ROBERTS,
Doctor Druggendraft, Mr COMPTON,
Pierre Palliot Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

LAST night, the Comedy of *Married Life* was performed at this Theatre, in which Mr. Buckstone made his first appearance since his return from America, where he has made himself an immense favorite. His reception last night was most cordial, and he was enthusiastically applauded throughout the piece; at the conclusion he came forward, and addressed the audience to the following effect;

" Ladies and Gentlemen—The warm and generous welcome home that you have this evening given me has been a most gratifying assurance that absence has not entirely banished me from your memories, and though in the United States I have met with every kindness, troops of warm-hearted friends, and all the success that I could expect, yet the regret that one must ever feel at parting with those that regard us is pleasantly lessened by this welcome from my old friends in London. Many things have been named as worth crossing the Atlantic to see. But, believe me, I have thought it worth while crossing the Atlantic to hear once more a hearty English laugh. I have heard it this evening, and with delight: and in return, ladies and gentlemen, I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed, and may long enjoy, the best of health and prosperity; and I also hope there are in store for us many merry evenings at the little Theatre in the Haymarket.

A concert is announced for Wednesday next, at which Miss Bruce Wyatt, Mrs. W. Loder, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. A. Sola, and Lindlay will perform; and shortly afterwards we are to have the magician Thalberg, with his double row of thumbs and fingers, accompanied by Ronconi and his *cara sposa*, Mrs. A. Tomlins, and John Parry.—*Cheltenham Correspondent*.

Mr. Shrivall, who lately played Mr. W. Harrison's characters with Miss Adelaide Kemble (in *Norma*, &c.), at Dublin, is gone to America. His brother, also a tenor singer, now at Liverpool, is thus spoken of in *The Liverpool Mercury*:—"Mr. F. Shrivall deserves the highest encomiums. Mr. Shrivall was in fine voice, and sang, throughout the piece, in a style that drew forth the loudest plaudits; but the gem of the evening was the beautiful scena, "All is lost now" (from *La Son-*

nambula). which was given by this gentleman with a chasteness of expression and brilliancy of execution we have seldom heard surpassed."

The veteran Braham and his son Charles, who has had the advantage of his father's instructions in the art of singing, were, according to the New York papers of the 8th ult., about to proceed to Montreal, after having made a most brilliant and successful tour through the western provinces of the United States. Mr. Braham made his *début* on the stage in the year 1788 (we believe), and consequently has enjoyed his histrionic reputation for the unparalleled period of more than half a century.

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The Chorusses under the Direction of J. H. Tully.

Semiramide, Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
Arsace, Mrs ALFRED SHAW,
(*From the Principal Theatre in Italy,—her 9th Appearance on the
English Stage.*)

Assur Mr GIUBILEI,
Oroe, Mr LEFFLER,
Idreno Mr TRAVERS,
Mitranes, Mr HUGHES,
Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,
Azema, Miss LEE.

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL.
Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.
Satraps—Messrs. COLLETT, MORGAN, MACARTHY, &c.
Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

After which, (7th Time) a New Farce, called

Cousin Lambkin.

Squire Mulberry, Mr BARTLEY,
Captain Bantam Mr WALTER LACY,
Doctor Lionel Lambkin, Mr HARLEY,
Clutchem Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Mrs Bantam, Miss COOPER,
Rose Maynard, Miss LEF, Dainty, Mrs HUMBY,

To conclude with, the Farce of

Teddy the Tiler.

Lord Dunderford, .Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Henry, .Mr A. WIGAN, Frederick, .Mr BINGE,
Mr Scrivener, .Mr GRANBY, Bombardine, .Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Teddy Mallowney, .Mr G. HODSON,
In which he will introduce the Song of "*Darby Kelly.*"
Tim, .Mr KERRIDGE, Richard, .Mr HEATH, John, .Mr HUGHES,
Sniff, .Mr J. RIDGWAY, Apewell, .Mr COLLETT,
Clerks, .Messrs. GARDEN & GARDNER,
Lady Dunderford, .Mrs TAYLEURE, Oriel, .Miss LEE,
Flora, .Mrs HUMBY, Julia, .Miss LANE,
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To-morrow, Macbeth, and Richard Cœur-de-Lion.

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This Evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of

O T H E L L O, **Moor of Venice.**

The Duke of Venice Mr G. BENNETT,
Brabantio, Mr ELTON,
Gratiano Mr WALDRON,
Lodovico, Mr LYNNE,
Montano Mr GRAHAM,
Othello, Mr MACREADY,
Cassio ... Mr ANDERSON,
Iago, Mr PHELPS,
Roderigo Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Antonio, Mr Howell,
Julio..Mr C. J. Smith, Marco..Mr Harcourt,
Paulo..Mr Carle, Giovanni..Mr Sevier,
Luca..Mr Ellis, First Servant..Mr Roffey,
2nd Servant..MrBurdett, Messenger..MrBender,
Desdemona, Miss HELEN FAUCIT,
Emelia Mrs WARNER.

Previous to the Tragedy, Beethoven's Overture to "Egmont."

After which, the Opera of

Acis and Galatea.

Cupid..Miss GOULD,
Acis.. (a Shepherd Boy) Miss P. HORTON,
Damon, (a Shepherd,) Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus....(a Cyclops)....Mr STRETTON,
Attendant Cyclops, Messrs.Howell & Sevier,
Galatea (a Sea-Nymph)..... Miss ROMER,
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The New Marylebone Theatre.—This new Theatre, built on the site of the former licensed house, the accommodation of which, particularly of the boxes, was not such as to give general satisfaction, is a most substantial building, and for convenience and decoration is likely to rival the best of the minors. The audience part is of a broad horse-shoe form, measuring, from front of box to box, in the widest part, thirty-four feet, the same from front of centre box to the "float," lamps, and from them to the back of the stage, forty-seven feet. The height of the proscenium is thirty-two, and the width twenty-eight feet. The gallery will hold seven hundred, the boxes five hundred, and the pit eight hundred people, and every one will have a perfect view of the stage. The Theatre has been built entirely under the direction of its enterprising proprietor, Mr. Loveridge, and he has evidently been determined that nothing shall be wanting to give satisfaction, and make the place worthy the patronage of its largely increasing neighbourhood. The manager of the old house, Mr. Douglas, is to take the management of the new, and, with an efficient company, will, no doubt, make it a popular place of amusement in that quarter of London.

Falstaff in Paris.—The evening of the first representation of *Falstaff* at the Odeon, a full hour had elapsed since the curtain fell at the close of the opening piece, and the joyous companion of the youthful days of Henry V. had not yet appeared. The pit hissed and yelled, and gave vent in a variety of ways to their impatience. In vain the orchestra attempted to calm down the storm of unmusical sounds which thence emanated by their own performances, now rendered scarcely less discordant. The audience would not be satisfied, and seemed to be preparing to pelt the director with the eggs of which mention is made in the prologue ; and what will it be imagined was passing behind the curtain to cause this delay while the orchestra rasped away before it ? An event of the most disastrous nature threatened to prevent the performance from taking place at all. M. Monrose, jun. whose reasonable "*maigreur*" is known to all Paris, was to perform the part of Falstaff—

that "huge hill of flesh,"—that "horse back breaker,"—that "keach of fat," and his belly had not arrived! The *costumier* knew that it was indispensable at a certain hour, and yet the traitor had broken his promise. The tumult was unabated. What was to be done? Where would it end? The riot was at its acme. At length the idea of making a temporary belly of the porter's cushion entered the head of the perplexed actor. The expedient was tried, and succeeded. The actors once more breathed, and the audience became pacified.—*La Charivari*.

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Donalbain, Miss KENDALL,

Macbeth, Mr VANDENHOFF,

Macduff, Mr C. PITT,

Banquo, Mr COOPER,

Fleance, Miss MARSHALL, Siward, Mr BINGE,
Rosse, Mr DIDDEAR,

Lenox, Mr A. WIGAN, Physician, Mr GRANBY,
Seyton, Mr G. HORNCastle,

1st Officer, Mr W. H. Payne, 2d ditto, Mr J. Ridgway,

Lady Macbeth, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)

Gentlewoman, Miss LEE,

Hecate Mr LEFFLER.

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As You Like It.

FROM THE TEXT OF SHAKSPEARE.

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Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.

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Macbeth was repeated here last evening to a good house. *Richard Cœur de Lion* concluded. On Wednesday next, the Operatic Play of *Rob Roy* will be produced.

HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

THE entertainments at this Theatre to-night consist of *Married Life*, *Grandfather Whitehead*, *A Kiss in the Dark*, and *The Irish Lion*. On Monday next, will be revived (first time these three years,) *Mr. Buckstone's Comedy of *Single Life*. Mrs. Honey is engaged for a limited period, and will make her first appearance on Monday evening, October 31.

Fanny Elssler.—(*From a Correspondent*.)—Letters from Vienna of the 30th of September state Madlle. Fanny Elssler's departure from that city on her return to Berlin, after having given two representations, one for the funds of the poor at the Imperial Theatre (Buaghtheatre), and the other at the Imperial Palace of Schoenbrunn, on the personal invitation of her Majesty the Empress, in honour of the arrival of their Imperial Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Leuchtenberg from St. Petersburg, at which were present all the Imperial family, together with the grand dignitaries of the Court and the leading nobility. As etiquette forbade all noisy marks of approbation in the Imperial presence, the illustrious spectators, thus unable to express their admiration in the Theatre, determined upon taking their revenge after they had got into their carriages. They gave orders to their coachmen to draw up in line on both sides of the road leading from Schoenbrunn to Vienna, and at the moment when the great *artiste* passed in one of the Royal carriages that brought her from the capital to the palace, salvos of approbation filled the air, mingled with cries of "Bravo" and "Vive Elssler," while the ladies waved their handkerchiefs. A number of young men dashed forward, and set to work detaching the horses from the carriage with a view to draw her in triumph ; but the police stating that the law forbid under the severest penalties any interruption to the progress of an Imperial equipage, they retired, crying "Vive Elssler," "Vive the glory (*der stolz*) of our Theatre."

The evening previous to her departure from Vienna her Majesty the Empress wrote her an autograph letter, and accompanied it with a diadem in topaz, adorned with a cameo antique. The emperor sent her, also, a bouquet in diamonds of great value.

The three principal Theatres of our city having put a box at the disposition of Madlle. Elssler during her stay in Vienna, she acknowledged the compliment by addressing to each one 600 florins (60*l.*), to be appropriated to the relief of the wives and children of indigent artists.

The Count de Candia, who is signalling himself on the lyrical stage under the name of Mario, has found an imitator in France. The Marquis of P——t is about to make his appearance at the Français in Tragedy. There is a great difference of opinion as to the true motives which have induced this young nobleman to take to the stage. He has a large fortune,—it can only be from choice. But, it is said, this sudden resolution is owing to the rigour of a certain proud *Desdemona*, who is the object of attraction to the fierce *Othello*.

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Semiramide, Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,

Arsace, Mrs ALFRED SHAW,

(From the Principal Theatre in Italy,—her 10th Appearance on the English Stage.)

Assur Mr GIUBILEI,

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Idreno Mr TRAVERS,

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Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,

A zema, Miss LEE

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL.

Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.

Satraps—Messrs. COLLETT, MORGAN, MACARTHY, &c.

Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

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THE RIVALS.


Sir Anthony Absolute, Mr LAMBERT,
Captain Absolute Mr ANDERSON,
Faulkland, Mr PHELPS,
Sir Lucius O'Trigger Mr HUDSON,
Acres, Mr KEELEY,
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David..... Mr COMPTON
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Servants Messrs. BENDER, HARCOURT, &c.
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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

THE popular Comedy of *Single Life*, written by Mr. Buckstone, the highly interesting Drama of *Grandfather Whitehead*, and the successful Comedy of *Alma Mater*, are the entertainments provided this evening for the frequenters of this prosperous Theatre. A new and original Comedietta, in two acts, by the author of *The Man and the Tiger*, is in rehearsal, and will be produced forthwith.

Adelphi.—To-night, the new Romance, entitled *The Miser's Daughter*, which has been for some time in preparation at this Theatre, will be produced for the first time. *The Daughter of the Danube*, and *Norma*, make up the bill of fare.

Olympic.—The entertainments here this week will consist of *The Adventures of a Gentleman*, *The Artful Dodge*. *A Scotch Mist*, and the Burlesque of *Norval*. A Drama, in three acts, by Leman Rede, is in preparation, illustrative of the Georgian era. Mr. S. Lover's celebrated Burletta, entitled "*The Beau Ideal*," will also be produced here.

Queen's.—The Drama of *The Shadow* will be played here for six nights this week, after which it will be withdrawn. *Jack Sheppard*, reconstructed, and produced with new scenery, &c., is to be the afterpiece. Several novelties are in preparation.

The St. James's Theatre will open on Wednesday, November the 2nd, under the entire direction of a body of professors, when a series of concerts will be given. Principal vocalists Miss Birch, Miss Dolby, Mr. Hobbs, and Mr. H. Phillips. The band and chorus will consist of 140 performers.

Lady Bishop and Bochsa gave a concert on the 8th instant at Man-

heim, on the Rhine. The former sung several dramatic scenes in costume, and the latter, who performed on the harp, announced himself as "harpist to the Queen of England, professor at the Royal Academy of Music, and director of the Italian Opera in London!!!"

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Donalbain, Miss KENDALL,

Macbeth, Mr VANDENHOFF,

Macduff, Mr C. PITT,

Banquo, Mr COOPER,

Fleance, Miss MARSHALL, Siward, Mr BINGE,
Rosse, Mr DIDDEAR,

Lenox, Mr A. WIGAN, Physician, Mr GRANBY,

Seyton, Mr G. HORNCASTLE,

1st Officer, Mr W. H. PAYNE, 2d ditto, Mr J. RIDGWAY,

Lady Macbeth, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)

Gentlewoman, Miss LEE,

Hecate Mr LEFFLER,

1st Witch, Mr BARTLEY, 2nd ditto, Mr MEADOWS,

3rd Witch, Mr HARLEY.

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THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY MR. F. VENUA.

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Prince Henry, his Son Miss HOWARD,
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Richard de Percy.. Mr Priorson,
Gilbert de Clare.. Mr Lake, Sheriff.. Mr Harcourt,
Robert Falconbridge, Mr M. BARNETT,
Philip Faulconbridge, Mr ANDERSON,
Officers.. Mr C. J. Smith, and Mr Jones,
James Gurney, Mr Sevier, Peter of Pomfret, Mr Mellon
Philip Augustus.. Mr GRAHAM.
Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON,
Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY,
Giles, Vicomte de Melun .. Mr G. BENNETT,
Chatelain d'Arras, Mr Sharpe, Count de Bois, Mr Smith,
Chatillon, Count de Nevers.. Mr LYNNE,
Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER,
Citizens of Angiers.. Mr Waldron, &c.
Queen Elinor Miss ELLIS,
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Acis and Galatea.

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Acis. (a Shepherd Boy) . . . Miss P. HORTON,
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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

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Warriors, Egyptians, &c. &c.

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Rose Maynard, Miss LEF, Dainty, Mrs HUMBY,

To conclude with, the Farce of

THE OMNIBUS

Mr Ledger, Mr GRANBY,

Mr Dobbs Mr F. MATTHEWS,

Tom Dobbs, Mr MEADOWS,

Pat Rooney..... Mr G. HODSON,

Julia Ledger, Miss LEE,

Mrs Dobbs..... Mrs TAYLEURE.

To-morrow, Rob Roy, and Fra Diavolo.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the Comedy of The

ROAD to RUIN.

Mr Dornton, Mr PHELPS,
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Mr Milford, Mr GRAHAM,
Mr Sulky Mr LAMBERT,
Goldfinch, Mr C. MATHEWS,
Silky Mr COMPTON,
Mr Smith, Mr LYNNE,
Hosier, Mr WALTON, Jacob, Mr M. BARNETT,
Furrier, Mr HARCOURT,
Hatter, Mr CARLE, 1st Tradesman, Mr MELLON,
2nd Tradesman, Mr HOWELL,
3rd Tradesman Mr STANTON,
Bailiff . Mr C. J. SMITH,
Waiter.. Mr Sevier, William.. Mr Bender,
Tennis Markers.. Messrs. Ellis and Yarnold,
Postilions Messrs. Hance and Seymour,
Servant, Mr Paulo.
Widow Warren Mrs C. JONES,
Sophia, Mrs STIRLING,
Mrs Ledger Mrs GARRICK.
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THIS evening, the entertainments at this Theatre will commence with Mr. Buckstone's Comedy of *Single Life*, to be followed by *Grandfather Whitehead*, and the new Comedy of *Alma Mater*.

Paris Theatricals.—Some Polish dancers have created a great effect at the Opera. M. & Madame Turezynowle, from the Theatre at Warsaw, executed sometimes alone, sometimes with dancers of the *Academie*, several national dances, such as the *Brakoriak*, the *Mazourka*, &c. Their peculiar steps appeared to the greatest judges as having a barbarous and rude character, with but little of grace. The *piquant* of these *ballets* in thick-soled boots and spurs has somewhat lost its effect. A number of French artists have executed the dances of the north and south of Europe, but they gave them a grace which might take away from their characteristic effect, but certainly imparted to them a charm. It appears that new difficulties have been raised to the engagement of Duprez, who demands 500,000 francs for five years.

The *début* of Canuph produced but little effect. This singer, who has given rise to numerous diplomatic communications, on account of his being a deserter from Brussels, does not deserve so much honour. His voice is tolerably good, but he has but little method. This deficiency is not even made up for by expression. He is cold, and plays without the least feeling. The part of *Guillaume Tell* has not been propitious to him.

Letters from Italy acquaint us with the fact that Rossini has placed in the hands of a notary at Boulogne a sealed packet, which is only to be opened after his death. This packet is addressed to Mdlle. Olympe P——, and is, it is said, an Opera, which the *maestro* leaves, with all his fortune, to this lady, who has been for some time past his companion. This testamentary disposal of his Opera will hardly be of use to the present generation. Rossini is only 51 years of age, having been born Feb. 29, 1792.

M. Adolphe Adam has lately given to the Opera Comique a new Opera called *The Roi d'Yvetot*, which has had entire success. The words are by M. de Lerwen, a friend of the son of an illustrious Swede who has been forced to emigrate into France, on account of the large share he had taken in the conspiracy of Ankerstroem against Gustavus the Third. A new composition is talked of in the musical world, the production of the celebrated English composer, Mr. Balfe. The score is now nearly ready. Donizetti pleads guilty, it is said, to a new Oprea

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for the *Theatre Italien*. The title is still a mystery. The *re-entrée* of Madame Stultz at the Opera, took place with great *éclat*. Duprez's engagement, for three years has just been signed at the rate of 300,000*f*. This is a little more than is given to a President of Council, who does not besides possess the advantage of a permanent engagement.

A Wonder! Blow me!—At New Jersey they have an actress called the Singing Wonder, who has been known to run up the chromatic scale so fast that the organ which ought to have accompanied her stopped from want of wind.

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Owen, Mr MEADOWS,
Captain Thornton Mr J. VINING,
Rob Roy Macgregor Campbell, Mr COOPER,
Hamish & Robert, Messrs. J. Ridgway & Marshall,
Major Galbraith, Mr J. BLAND,
Dougla..... Mr W. H. PAYNE,
M'Stuart, Mr BINGE,
Allan, Mr COLLETT, Jobson, Mr GRANBY,
Baillie Nicol Jarvie, Mr HARLEY,
M'Vittie, Mr HUGHES, Andrew, Mr T. RIDGWAY,
Saunders Willie. Mr Burt, Willie, Mr Heath,
Wingfield.. Mr Connell, Host.. Mr S. Smith,
Sergeant, Mr Moore, Corporal, Mr Andrews,
Diana Vernon, Miss RAINFORTH,
Martha, Mrs EMDEN, Mattie, Miss LANE,
Jean M'Alpine.. Miss SOMERVILLE,
Katty.... Miss FLOYD,
Hostess, Miss CROSS,
Helen M'Gregor, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)

To conclude with, the Opera, (in Three Acts) of

FRA-DIAVOLO

Or, The Inn of Terracina.

WITH the WHOLE of the MUSIC, COMPOSED by AUBER.

Fra-Diavolo, Mr W. HARRISON,
Lord Allcash. Mr G. HORNCastle,
Lorenzo, Mr TRAVERS,
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To-morrow, Semiramide, Cousin Lambkin, and The Irish Tutor.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the Play of

As You Like It.

FROM THE TEXT OF SHAKSPEARE.

The first Movement of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony will be given as an Overture to the Play, and the Entre Acts will be selected from the same Work.

Duke, (living in exile) Mr RYDER,
First Lord, Mr ELTON, 2nd Lord, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Amiens, Mr ALLEN, Jaques, Mr MACREADY,
Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,
Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.

Rosalind, Mrs NISBETT,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THIS Theatre was well attended last night: the Operatic Play of *Rob Roy* commenced the performances, in which Mr. Cooper played the *Macgregor*, and Mrs. Salberg, his wife, and received the approbation of the audience. Mr. Harley, as the *Baillie*, and Mr. W. H. Payne, as *Dougal*, created great applause. Miss Rainforth made a charming *Diana Vernon*, and Mr. C. Pitt acted remarkably well as *Rashleigh Osbaldistone*. The concerted music was cleverly executed. *Fra-Diavolo* followed; Miss Rainforth and Miss Poole warbled most sweetly as *Zerlina* and *Lady Allcash*. The other characters were well sustained, more especially Mr. Giubilei's *Giacomo*.

Mr. Pearsall's concert, under the patronage of the Queen Dowager, and several families of the highest eminence, took place at the Town Hall, Birmingham, on Monday evening. The vocalists were—Madame Caradori Allan, Mrs. Alfred Shaw, Mr. Giubilei, Mr. H. Phillips, and Mr. S. Pearsall. Nothing could exceed the cordiality of Mrs. Shaw's reception. She was applauded to the very echo, by an audience of at least 5,000 persons, and was warmly *encored* in several of her pieces. Mr. Pearsall was also well received. Lord Ward occupied the president's chair, in the front of the great gallery. The Earl of Dartmouth and Lady Goodricke were also present.

Rubini has just left Paris for Russia, where he intends giving a series of concerts.

Donizetti's new Opera, *Linda di Chamouny*, is in active rehearsal, under the superintendence of the Maestro himself, at the Italian Opera at Paris. He left Naples (where he had brought out his new Opera, *Maria Podilla*, very successfully), for the express purpose of the production, under his own surveillance, of this, his last composition, and which report asserts to exceed in merit his *Lucia di Lammermoor*.

The Professor Rossi, of Turin, has arrived in Paris. He has brought with him, from Italy, a new Opera of his composition, of great merit; and also a "Requiem," full of the harmony, science, and grace of the high Italian school.

Casimir Delavigne's new Opera, entitled *Charles VI.*, the music of which is by Halevy, is about to be produced at the Grand Opera.

Mayerbeer, it is said, is recalled to Berlin for the winter, notwithstanding which, it is added, his long-talked-of five act Opera, *The Prophet*, is to be put in rehearsal at the Grand Opera. His production has been promised for these two years past.

An awful instance of sudden death on the stage, similar in circum-

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Tillwell Mr GRANBY,
Terry O'Rourke, Mr G. HODSON,
In which Character he will introduce the Songs of "*Katty Mooney*,"
and "*Sweet Katty O'Lynch*."
Charles, Mr A. WIGAN,
Beadle Mr S. SMITH,
First Villager, Mr Collett,
Second Villager, Mr Ireland, 3rd Villager, Mr Heath,
Rosa, Miss LEE,
Mary Mrs HUMBY.

To-morrow, Macbeth, Cousin Lambkin, and The Wooden Leg.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, Shakspeare's Tragedy of

O T H E L L O, Moor of Venice.

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Brabantio, Mr ELTON,
Gratiano Mr WALDRON,
Lodovico, Mr LYNNE,
Montano Mr GRAHAM,
Othello, Mr MACREADY,
Cassio Mr ANDERSON,
Iago, Mr PHELPS,
Roderigo Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Antonio, Mr Howell,
Julio..Mr C. J. Smith, Marco..Mr Harcourt,
Paulo..Mr Carle, Giovanni..Mr Sevier,
Luca..Mr Ellis, First Servant..Mr Roffey,
2nd Servant..MrBurdett, Messenger..MrBender,
Desdemona, Miss HELEN FAUCIT,
Emelia Mrs WARNER.

After which, the Burletta, written by Mr. Charles Mathews of

Patter v. Clatter.

Captain Patter, Mr C. MATHEWS,
Mr Pepper Parker Mr M. BARNETT,
Meinheer Pierre Pytter, Mr Carle,
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To conclude with, the Last New Farce of

The Attic Story.

Captain Carbine, Mr SELBY,
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Royal New Marylebone Theatre.—Yesterday we visited the new Theatre in progress, and now nearly completed in front of Portman Market, Marylebone, and we are in justice bound to say that in form and construction it is surpassingly complete. When the Coburg Theatre that was (now the Victoria Theatre) was opened, it was acknowledged by judges, in every degree, to be the best proportioned Theatre in the metropolis, as completed under the superintendence of and built from the design of the late Mr. Carbonell ; and performers of eminence, among whom we may mention in particular Mr. Braham, the vocalist of celebrity, who declared that he sung with more ease in that house, and with more satisfaction to himself, than in any other Theatre in which he had performed. We can compare this structure, which is substantially raised, as nearly as possible, to be what the Coburg was in principal of construction, but considerably improved in the details, although somewhat curtailed in dimensions. Mr. Loveridge, the proprietor of the old premises, we were told, conceived the notion that a good Theatre, well conducted, would answer the purpose of the projection, and he accordingly designed the carrying out of his own ideas. The Theatre in front of the curtain is of an entire horse shoe shape to the eye, and in every seat, in any point, we believe, every individual may have a full view of the stage. The Theatre, we were told, was calculated to contain about 2,300 ; the gallery capable of admitting 300, and the pit 900. The boxes and private box communication are unexceptionable. We understand the architectural department was under the direction of Mr. Bushell, and that Mr. Tavernor was the builder. The stage has been calculated for all dramatic use, on the most improved and modern system. Mr. Douglas, a name not much known as a manager, is, we understand, the lessee ; but if a good house be any step towards a chance of success, we would opine that Mr. Douglas, with judgment, may be better known among those *who pay* leading men in the profession. He has done something towards pretension of discrimination in not being sparing in his corps of artist, for decoration, &c. Messrs. Greene, Fennely, Thorne, Finlay, Glindon &c., were at work. Mr. Sterling, we understand to be appointed acting manager, and Mr. Elliot, stage-manager. The former is well known as a dramatist, and the latter as a veteran in the department he is announced to direct, and which duty he has discharged, we presume, to the satisfaction of the public, because we know when he was in the same position the Theatres he was connected with have been successful.

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Banquo, Mr COOPER,
Fleance, Miss MARSHALL, Siward, Mr BINGE,
Rosse, Mr DIDDEAR,
Lenox, Mr A. WIGAN, Physician, Mr GRANBY,
Seyton, Mr G. HORNCASILE,
1st Officer, Mr W. H. PAYNE, 2d ditto, Mr J. RIDGWAY,
Lady Macbeth, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)
Gentlewoman, Miss LEE,
Hecate Mr LEFFLER,
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Arthur, Duke of Bretagne, Miss NEWCOMBE,
William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, Mr BLAND,
Geoffrey Fitz-Peter, Earl of Essex.. Mr ELLIS,
William Longsword, Earl of Salisbury, Mr ELTON,
Robert Bigot, Earl of Norfolk, Mr STANTON,
Hubert de Burgh .. Mr PHELPS,
William Plantagenet, Earl of Warrenne, Mr STILT,
William, Earl of Arundel.. Mr PAULO,
Robert, Baron Fitz-walter Mr Carle,
Bohun, Earl of Hereford.. Mr Gilbert,
Earl of Oxford.. Mr Brady, Robert de Ros.. Mr King,
Richard de Percy.. Mr Priorson,
Gilbert de Clare.. Mr Lake, Sheriff.. Mr Harcourt,
Robert Falconbridge, Mr M. BARNETT,
Philip Faulconbridge. Mr ANDERSON,
Officers.. Mr C. J. Smith, and Mr Jones,
James Gurney, Mr Sevier, Peter of Pomfret, Mr Mellon
Philip Augustus.. Mr GRAHAM.
Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON,
Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY,
Giles, Vicomte de Melun .. Mr G. BENNETT,
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Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER,
Citizens of Angiers.. Mr Waldron, &c.
Queen Elinor Miss ELLIS,
The Lady Constance, Miss H. FAUCIT,
Blanch Miss FAIRBROTHER,
Lady Faulconbridge, Mrs SELBY.

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La Sonnambula.

Count Rodolph, Mr STRETTON,
Elvino, Mr ALLEN, Alessio, Mr COMPTON.
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A Third Opera House.—The commission for the protection of the Theatres was some time since summoned to meet by the minister of the interior, for the purpose of considering the question whether there was an opening for a third Operatic Theatre. The commission summoned before them M. Leon Pillet, and M. Crosnier, directors of the Grand Opera and Opera Comique, when, after hearing those gentlemen, the meeting adjourned, it being previously ascertained that eight out of ten of the commissioners were in favour of the new Theatre. At a second sitting, the commission of dramatic authors were examined, and also the musical composers, Meyerbeer, Carafar, Adolph Adam, and Halevy, who were unanimous, it is said, in favour of the project. At this period of the proceedings it was found there were not sufficient members of the commission present to give a final decision, and the meeting was again adjourned.

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Teddy the Tiler.

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Tim, Mr KERRIDGE, Richard, Mr HEATH, John, Mr HUGHES,
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To conclude with, the Last New Farce of

The Attic Story.

Captain Carbine, Mr SELBY,
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Mr. Dabster, (Mr. Keeley,) is invited to visit Bangalore Hall, the seat of Colonel Curry, (Mr. Bennett,) and then and there to marry Curry's daughter Fanny (Mrs. Stirling). She desirous of escaping her unseen intended, having beheld one she fancies she could love, conceals a scheme with Sally, (Mrs. Selby,) that when Dabster arrives she may appear before him as Tom, her cousin, an Eton boy. Dabster arrives during Curry's absence, and is greeted by Tom, who talks of the delights of shooting, spars with him, &c. At this juncture a letter arrives from Captain Popham (Mr. C. Mathews), announcing his intention of passing a few days at Bangalore Hall, as the friend of Mr. Dabster. The latter proposes to the Eton boy, Tom, to put himself into petticoats, and represent Miss Fanny, to revenge a similar hoax played upon him (Dabster,) by Popham. The latter arrives, is introduced to Fanny Curry, whom Dabster verily believes is his male cousin in female attire, and woos to his heart's content. The return of the Colonel is announced, whereupon Captain Popham retires. A double hoax now ensues ; Popham returns to Fanny, sings a *buffo* air, faints in Dabster's arms, and nearly kills him in a galopade. The real Fanny appears once more *en homme*, and, as Tom, the "Eton Boy," demands satisfaction of Dabster for dancing with his (Tom's) beloved. He urges Dabster to a duel ; the latter consents, takes two swords from the wall, and is about to slay the simulated Etonian, when Popham, still in feminine attire, rushes forth and beats Dabster to his heart's content. Curry returns,—Dabster of course declines to marry such a termagant—all is explained, and the Captain and Fanny made happy.

Mr. C. Mathews, Mr. Keeley, Mrs. Stirling, and Mrs. Selby, were very successful in their personations, and were a good deal applauded. The Farce of *The Attic Story* concluded.

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THE performances here to-night will commence with *Married Life*, to be followed by *Granfather Whitehead*, which can only be performed six nights more, in consequence of Mr. Farren's provincial engagements ; after which, first time at this Theatre, the petite Comedy of *Match Her*

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Aaron Tret, Mr HARLEY,
John Culpepper Mr G. HORNCastle,
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The Martial Movement from Beethoven's Symphony in C Minor will be given
as an OVERTURE.

King John, Mr MACREADY,
Prince Henry, his Son Miss HOWARD,
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Chatillon, Count de Nevers .. Mr LYNNE,
Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER,
Citizens of Angiers.. Mr Waldron, &c.
Queen Elinor Miss ELLIS,
The Lady Constance, Miss H. FAUCIT,
Blanch Miss FAIRBROTHER,
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After which, the Opera of

Acis and Galatea.

Cupid.. Miss GOULD.

Acis, (a Shepherd Boy) Miss P. HORTON,
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Mrs. Clovis Culpepper (Bartley,) late a grocer in Barbican, has had a fortune left to him. Eager to ape his imagined manners of the gentleman, *malgré* the remonstrances and jeers of Mrs. C. (Mrs. Humby,) and of Aaron Tret (Harley,) for a long period his trusty porter, Culpepper gets acquainted with Captain Flatooker (Lacy,) and Brace Siney, (Wigan,) both men upon town, who pretend to be well acquainted with the mysteries of the turf and the betting book. These worthies introduce Culpepper to Tattersall's and other places of sporting celebrity. The result will be easily anticipated. The quondam grocer of Barbican is fleeced to a heavy amount in consequence of the "drugging" of the favourite horse through the agency of Gallop (Meadows,) and Daniel Doo. (Granby.) In order to get rid of his liability to Flatooker and Siney, Culpepper, with genuine simplicity, compounds, by giving a cheque for 3,000*l.*, payable instant. Meanwhile John Culpepper, (Horncastle,) a nephew of old Culpepper, appears, and, to the consternation of the blacklegs, is declared by Allsides, (Payne,) to be the true owner of the property held by Culpepper ; and, further that an order had been lodged at the banker's, not to honour the elder Culpepper's draft. Flatooker and Siney are thus disappointed in their scheme, much to the gratification of Culpepper and Aaron ; indeed Culpepper himself is rejoiced at not being done, and the piece ends with the discomfiture of the gamblers. Superadded to the above named characters there is a Squire Warren, (F. Matthews,) and his daughter, (Miss Lee,) who appear likewise to be the victims of Flatooker and his worthless associate.

The acting was extremely good, and the applause and laughter created by Messrs. Harley, Bartley, Walter Lacy, Mrs. Humby, &c. will ensure the piece a run. It was given out for repetition every evening. The amusing Ballet of *The Wooden Leg* concluded.

OLYMPIC.—Last night, a new Farce was produced here for the first time with complete success ; it is entitled *My Valet and I !* and written by the author of *My Wife's Dentist*, &c. Mr. G. Wild, as *Whisper*, the valet, a man of musing, macadamizing, multifarious imagination, kept

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King Arthur, with Purcell's music, will be brought out at Drury Lane Theatre shortly, not only will the cast embrace all the vocal strength of the company, and a chorus of a hundred voices, but most of the principal actors, male and female, have consented to aid and assist. Purcell was born in 1658, and died 1695, only 37 years of age. He was buried in Westminster Abbey, and the following epitaph, written by Dryden, may be seen on the monument.—“Here lies Henry Purcell, Esq., who left this life, and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be exceeded.”

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The Character of Carolina, by Miss A. KEMBLE,
Fidalma, (her Aunt) Mrs A. SHAW,
Elisetta Miss RAINFORTH,
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THE entertainments at this Theatre, this evening, are *Married Life*, *Grandfather Whitehead*, *Match Her Who Can*, and *A Kiss in the Dark*. The new Monologue, which is to be produced here next Monday, and introduce Mrs. Fitzwilliam for the first time since her return from America, is entitled *The Belle of the Hotel ; or, American Sketches*. Mrs. Fitzwilliam will sustain six characters in it.

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at the Brighton Theatre in the Play of *The Stranger*. They were rapturously received by a crowded house. They are engaged for a week.

Balfe has now for pupil in Paris, Templeton, formerly of the London Theatres. Balfe's Opera is nearly ready for the Salle Favarte.

Lablache has been unable to resume his performance of *Dr. Bartolo*, in the *Barbiere*, owing to indisposition.

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Dresden letters of the 21st announce the complete success of the new Opera of *Rienzi*, a composition in five acts, with the novelty of the *music* and *libretto* being composed by the same hand, M. Richard Wagner. He was called for at the end of every act, and enthusiastically cheered. The tenor, Tichatchek, and the celebrated Shrøder Devrient contributed to the triumph of the author and composer. The representation, at Dresden, of Weber's *Freyschutz* was signalized by the presence of the lamented composer's widow and children. Shrøder sur-

passed herself, and the overture was *encored*, and all the performers called for at the conclusion.

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The Chorusses under the Direction of J. H. Tully.

Semiramide, Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
Arsace, Mrs ALFRED SHAW,
(*From the Principal Theatre in Italy,—her 15th Appearance on the
English Stage.*)

Assur, Mr GIUBILEI,
Oroe, Mr LEFFLER,
Idreno Mr TRAVERS,
Mitrane, Mr HUGHES,
Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,
Azema, Miss LEE.

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL.
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O T H E L L O,

Moor of Venice.

The Duke of Venice Mr G. BENNETT,
Brabantio, Mr ELTON,
Gratiano Mr WALDRON,
Lodovico, Mr LYNNE,
Montano Mr GRAHAM,
Othello, Mr MACREADY,
Cassio Mr ANDERSON.
Iago, Mr PHELPS,
Roderigo Mr CHARLES MATHEWS,
Antonio, Mr Howell,
Julio..Mr C. J. Smith, Marco..Mr Harcourt,
Paulo..Mr Carle, Giovanni..Mr Sevier,
Luca..Mr Ellis, First Servant..Mr Roffey,
2nd Servant..MrBurdett, Messenger..MrBender,
Desdemona, Miss HELEN FAUCIT,
Emelia Mrs WARNER.

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E T O N B O Y.

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FRIDAY, Nov. 4, 1842.

Price 1d.

" The Play's the thing."—Ask for *Thomas's Observer*.

The Bards and Melodies of Ireland.—Last night, Mr. P. F. White the author of *The Boudoir Melodies* and other works, delivered a familiar discourse, accompanied by vocal illustration, on the above highly interesting subjects. The lecture was given in the Literary and Scientific Institution, Cadogan-place, Sloane-street. Mr. White began at a very early period of the history of Irish minstrelsy, so early, indeed, as several centuries before the Christian era. Ireland from that period had been the mother of minstrels or poets, and her bardic fame had gone out to all the ends of the earth. The melodies of Ireland were still admired wherever music was understood. He had lately quitted America, in most parts of which he lectured on Ireland's bards and melodies; in America they were prized in the highest degree by a people forming, as it were, an epitome of all nations. Though very interesting, we pass over the lecturer's observations on the history of music among the nations of antiquity. He then proceeded to notice the national songs of Ireland, the early Irish bards, the bardic institutions, Tara, the ancient palace of the Irish Kings, conventional assemblies of the bards, &c. in Tara's hall; female bards, the Royal bardess, Moriatt, the Irish *Cuoine*, or funeral cry; the ancient Irish scale, characteristic features of Irish music, giving his musical illustrations as he went along. These consisted of "The Minstrel Boy to the wars is gone;" "The Harp that once through Tara's Hall;" "To Ladies' Eyes around, Boys," &c.

Mr. White's voice is a clear tenor, of considerable power, and he manages it with taste. He gave the songs mentioned and several others with characteristic warmth of feeling, which communicated itself to the auditors, who applauded to the echo. Mr. White much enhanced the interest of the lecture by reciting each song before he sang it. His elocution is exceedingly graceful; and perhaps it is as high a compliment as can be paid to him to say, that his *reading* of Erin's beautiful melodies was as warmly applauded as his singing. The lecture was listened to with great attention by a highly respectable auditory.

The Opera has at length entered into treaty with Meyerbeer. His new work, *The Prophet*, will be played, in eighteen months. The title of the work that Donizetti is writing for the Italian Opera is *Ser Marco*. It is needless to add that it is an Opera buffa. M. Ancelot, a member of the French Academy, which is, perhaps, the most serious and eminent literary body in Europe, has just been appointed director of the Vaudeville, and we ask each other if the celebrated buffoon of this Theatre will not in return soon become a member of the Academy.—*Paris Correspondent*.

Lunatic Comedians.—A novel method was recently adopted in the Salpêtrière, at Paris, for affording amusement to the insane por-

tion of its inmates. The device in question is that of engaging the mentally-afflicted in dramatic performances; and, a little while ago, a representation of *Le Tartuffe* took place, all the characters being supported by the residents of the hospital. This, too, was done in such a way that, had not the spectators been aware of the affliction under which the actors laboured, they would have thought that they were witnessing a representation of practised amateurs, and as such it would have been highly creditable.

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Francis Osbaldistone Mr W. HARRISON,
Owen, Mr MEADOWS,
Captain Thornton Mr J VINING,
Rob Roy Macgregor Campbell, Mr COOPER,
Hamish & Robert, Messrs. J. Ridgway & Marshall,
Major Galbraith, Mr J. BLAND,
Dougal Mr W. H. PAYNE,
M'Stuart, Mr BINGE,
Allan, Mr COLLETT, Jobson, Mr GRANBY,
Baillie Nicol Jarvie, Mr HARLEY,
M'Vittie, Mr HUGHES, Andrew, Mr T. RIDGWAY,
Diana Vernon, Miss RAINFORTH,
Helen McGregor, Mrs SALZBERG, (late Miss Phillips)

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T H E T U R F.

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KING JOHN.

The Martial Movement from Beethoven's Symphony in C Minor will be given
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King John, Mr MACREADY,
Prince Henry, his Son Miss HOWARD,
Arthur, Duke of Bretagne, Miss NEWCOMBE,
William Mareshall, Earl of Pembroke, Mr BLAND,
Geffrey Fitz-Peter, Earl of Essex.. Mr ELLIS,
William Longsword, Earl of Salisbury, Mr ELTON,
Robert Bigot, Earl of Norfolk, Mr STANTON,
Hubert de Burgh .. Mr PHELPS,
William Plantagenet, Earl of Warrenne, Mr STILT,
William, Earl of Arundel.. Mr PAULO,
Robert, Baron Fitz-walter Mr Carle,
Bohun, Earl of Hereford.. Mr Gilbert,
Earl of Oxford.. Mr Brady, Robert de Ros.. Mr King,
Robert Falconbridge, Mr M. BARNETT,
Philip Faulconbridge. Mr ANDERSON,
Officers.. Mr C. J. Smith, and Mr Jones,
James Gurney, Mr Sevier, Peter of Pomfret, Mr Mellon
Philip Augustus.. Mr GRAHAM,
Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON,
Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY.
Giles, Vicomte de Melun .. Mr G. BENNETT,
Chatelain d'Arras, Mr Sharpe, Count de Bois, Mr Smith,
Chatillon, Count de Nevers .. Mr LYNNE,
Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER,
Citizens of Angiers.. Mr Waldron, &c.
Queen Elinor Miss ELLIS,
The Lady Constance, Miss H. FAUCIT,
Blanch Miss FAIRBROTHER,
Lady Faulconbridge, Mrs SELBY.

After which, the Opera of

La Sonnambula.

Count Rodolph, Mr STRETTON,
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THE English version of *Il Matrimonio Segreto*, will be performed at this Theatre for the second time to-night.

Shakspeare's *Tempest* is to be brought out here on Wednesday night, on a scale of great splendour. The first act is to be played on ship board, a *desideratum* which has long been felt by play-goers, who pine for these accessories to dramatic representation.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THIS Evening, *Single Life*, *Grandfather Whitehead*, *Match Her Who Can*, and *The Irish Lion*. On Thursday next, will be produced, for the first time at this Theatre, partly re-written by Mr. Buckstone, a Musical Drama, in two acts, called *My Old Woman ; or, Love and Wrinkles*.

Sacred Harmonic Society.—An important and interesting event in the annals of harmony was chronicled last evening at Exeter Hall, in presence of as numerous an audience as ever were packed within the spacious dimensions of Exeter Hall. This splendid musical festival was given by the Sacred Harmonic Society in celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Handel's Oratorio, *Samson*, which has now passed the trying test of a century's experience, and retains the brightness of its fame undimmed by the splendour of any succeeding effort of musical genius. As a matter of course that sublime composition was selected by the society for the evening's performance, and it was again listened to with undiminished admiration by the audience. The solo performers consisted of Hobbs, Leffler, Phillips, Miss Dolby, and Miss Birch ; whilst the orchestra and chorus singers included, as we were informed, 500 persons. After the overture Hobbs warbled forth, "This day a solemn fast," with much sweetness and expression ; but his voice was not of sufficient calibre to do full justice to the part which had been assigned to him. His recitative, "O loss of sight," followed by the "Total eclipse," procured for him, however, loud applause. Miss Dolby also elicited several expressions of admiration during the evening, especially her, "Return, O God of Hosts," and "To dust his glory," the former of which would have been assuredly encored had not the opening of the chorus prevented the audience from giving a full expression to their admiration. We must not omit to congratulate Miss Birch on her success in the duet with Hobbs, "Traitor to love," and her concluding triumph in "Let the bright seraphim," in which she was also much applauded. Mr Phillips performed his part with great credit to himself, but as he had nothing to sing in the two first parts, a portion of the audience were deprived of the pleasure of hearing him.

Purcell, the musician, died on the 21st of November, 1695, in the 37th year of his age. It is said that his untimely death was occasioned by his having been kept standing one cold night at his own door, for a considerable time, in consequence of his wife's displeasure at his hav-

ing staid too late at a convivial party. Purcell had good and amiable qualities, but his domestic character was by no means exemplary, and he was addicted to low and dissolute company. That Mrs. Purcell was a careful and affectionate wife there is reason to believe. By his will, dated three weeks before his death, he leaves all his effects to his "loving wife Frances," and appoints her his sole executrix. He was buried in Westminster Abbey. His monument was erected by the Lady Elizabeth Howard, Dryden's wife.

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CONDUCTOR MR. BENEDICT.

The Character of Carolina, by Miss A. KEMBLE,
Fidalma, (her Aunt) Mrs A. SHAW,
Elisetta Miss RAINFORTH,
Signor Geronimo, Mr GIUBILEI,
Count Montano Mr LEFFLER,
Paolino, Mr W. HARRISON,
Servants to Geronimo .. Messrs. Garden, Heath, &c

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THE DUENNA.

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Antonio, Mr J. REEVE, Don Ferdinand, Mr ALLEN,
Don Carlos, Madame VESTRIS.
Isaac Mendoza..... Mr KEELEY,
Father Paul, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Father Francis..... Mr MELLON,
Father Augustine, Mr S. JONES,
Lopez, Mr YARNOLD, Lorenzo, Mr CARLE,
Lay Brother, Mr M. BARNETT,
Sancho..Mr C. J. SMITH, Lewis..Mr HOWELL,
Donna Louisa..Miss P. HORTON.
Donna Clara..... Miss ROMER,
The Duenna..Mrs C. JONES,
Louisa's Maid..... Miss GOWARD,
Clara's Maid..Miss FOSTER,

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ETON BOY.

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Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,

Azema, Miss LEE.

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Hubert de Burgh .. Mr PHELPS,
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Robert, Baron Fitz-walter Mr Carle,
Bohun, Earl of Hereford.. Mr Gilbert,
Earl of Oxford.. Mr Brady, Robert de Ros.. Mr King,
Robert Falconbridge, Mr M. BARNETT,
Philip Faulconbridge. Mr ANDERSON,
Officers.. Mr C. J. Smith, and Mr Jones,
James Gurney, Mr Sevier, Peter of Pomfret, Mr Mellon
Philip Augustus.. Mr GRAHAM.
Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON,
Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY,
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Chatelain d'Arras, Mr Sharpe, Count de Bois, Mr Smith,
Chatillon, Count de Nevers .. Mr LYNNE,
Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER,
Citizens of Angiers.. Mr Waldron, &c.
Queen Elinor Miss ELLIS,
The Lady Constance, Miss H. FAUCIT,
Blanch Miss FAIRBROTHER,
Lady Faulconbridge, Mrs SELBY.

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Acis and Galatea.

Cupid.. Miss GOULD.

Acis. (a Shepherd Boy) . . . Miss P. HORTON,
Damon, (a Shepherd,) Mr ALLEN,
Polyphemus. . . (a Cyclops). . . Mr STRETTON,
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Wieland, Mr. Paul Bedford, and Mrs. H.P. Grattan, were very humorous in their dancing and singing, and some credit is due to Mr. Frampton for the arrangement of the dances, which are "exceedingly pretty." Mr. Stirling's clever Drama of *The Miser's Daughter*, and the laughable Farce of *Deeds of Dreadful Note*, were the other entertainments. Mr. Lyon gave the part of the *Miser*, in the first piece, with some effect, and he was received with general approbation.—The house was crowded in every part.

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First Lord, Mr ELTON, 2nd Lord, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
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Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
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Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY
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Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.
Rosalind, Mrs NISBETT,
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The Windmill.

The Marquis de Roueville, Mr MORRIS BARNETT,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

SHAKSPERE'S magnificent Play of *The Tempest* was revived at this Theatre, last night, for the first time under the present management, with great success. Much and justly as Mr. Macready was praised for his spirited production of this Play, his efforts, meritorious and eminently successful as they were, have been entirely thrown into the shade by those of the present lessee. Perhaps in the whole of Shakspeare's Plays there is not one scene so difficult to pre ent on the stage as the first in *The Tempest*; so much so, as every play-goer knows, until recently, a representation of it has never been attempted. Confident of success, however, in the united skill and taste of the machinist and painter, the management of this Theatre, as the result has shown, determined on giving the whole of the scene. On the rising of the curtain a gallant ship is seen, tempest-tost, but riding high on the billowy deep; the crew, like the "tricksy spirit," afterwards are busy, now on deck, in the peak, and anon in the waist; the thunders roll, the lightnings flash, and confusion becomes worse confounded. Alonzo, the King of Naples, with Ferdinand, his son, Antonio, the usurping Duke, and their retinue, scared from their berths, come on deck, and by their fears and importunities only aid the storm. Meantime the dialogue of the Play is going on. Yare! yare! is the word; sails are set, furled, and unfurled, and, in short, the whole art of seamanship is displayed. But Prospero's "so potent art" prevails; the noble ship, struck by the forked lightning, goes down swallowed by the remorseless waves. The scene is managed with consummate skill, and it was received with great applause. The other portions of the scenery were extremely beautiful, and the dresses are entirely new, and of the most gorgeous description. Miss Rainforth finely sustained the part of *Ariel*. She looked extremely beautiful, and her acting and singing were delicious. Her attitudes were graceful and expressive. She was unanimously encored in the song of "Where the Bee sucks," which she gave with much sweetness. *Prospero* was well sustained by Mr. Vandenhoff, and *Miranda*, *Ferdinand*, and *Caliban*, were personated by Miss Vandenhoff, Mr. C. Pitt, and Mr. Bland, in a manner highly creditable to them. Mr. Harley and Mr. Bartley caused much mirth in the characters of *Trinculo* and *Stephano*. Miss Rainforth was called for at the end. Mr. Cooper announced the repetition of the Play twice a week.

OLYMPIC.—The performances here attract a crowded audience every night. The first piece, which is one written by W. L. Rede, contains some very interesting incidents, and is particularly well acted; it is called *Sunshine and Shade*, and as its name in some degree indicates, presents a great difference of character on the part of some of the *dramatis personæ*. In the first act they are presented on the sunny side of the view. Charles Graves, a banker's clerk, aged 25, (Fitzjames), Lysimachus Dobbs, painter and glazier, (G. Wild,) Jane Marsden,

(Miss L. Melville,) a lovely creature of sixteen. In the second act the picture, by natural causes, is changed. Graves has become a cavalry soldier, and Dobbs having quitted trade practises upon the pockets and purses of others. Act third shows the unfortunate Graves a convict prisoner at Van Dieman's Land, and Dobbs one of the same degraded class, on a ticket of leave however; Jane also has been sent across the water at her country's expense. The interest of the piece, by the aid of the Hon. Algernon Pereau, (Mr. Baker), Sir James Jukes, (Mr. Halford), Louisa, Jane's cousin, (Miss Fitzjames), and Arabella, (Miss Le-batt), together with Searle, Rogers, &c. is exceedingly well kept up and worked out.

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Oroe, Mr LEFFLER,

Idreno Mr TRAVEKS,

Mitranes, Mr HUGHES,

Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,

A zema, Miss LEE.

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Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.

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It is reported that Madame Vestris and Mr. C. Mathews have left this Theatre. The production of *King Arthur*, which was announced for Saturday, is postponed till Wednesday next. Mr. Macready gives the following reason for closing the house on Saturday and Tuesday next ; " It having been found impossible to complete the preparations for the representation of *King Arthur* on Saturday, the production of this Opera is unavoidably deferred to Wednesday, November 16th, and in order to guard, as far as possible, against the chance of further disappointment, there will be no performance on Saturday and Tuesday next !"

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

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The Bards and Melodies of Ireland.—Last night Mr. White, the melodist and lecturer on the minstrelsy of Ireland, resumed his discourse on that subject at the Literary and Scientific Institution, Sloane-street. On a former evening Mr. White took a rapid glance at the claims which Ireland had to be considered as the mother of minstrels, associated as that country was from the earliest ages with the kindred arts of poetry and music ; and having in the course of a very interesting lecture brought the matter, which he had undertaken to expound, down to the present period, he, last evening, commenced his discourse by adverting to the genius of " the poet of all countries and the idol of his own," Thomas Moore. He next alluded to the circumstances under which the melodies of Ireland were saved, as it were from annihilation, by a society in Belfast, who, in 1790, brought together the wandering harpists of Ireland, and as they played, Mr. Bunting, a gentleman of great musical taste, was selected to take down, without embellishment, the notes of the ancient melodies which were thus imparted, and it was from Mr. Bunting's books that Mr. Moore and Sir J. Stevenson took the first eleven of the airs to which the former has linked some of his most beautiful effusions. The description of the harpists was peculiarly striking, and the anecdote told of the way in which one of them was enabled to escape from gaol—where he was confined for a love affair—while a brother minstrel was holding the gaoler's wife in chains, from his style of singing " the Cruiskeen Lawn," was highly amusing. The reference made to the melancholy cause out of which sprung two of Moore's exquisite songs—" Oh breathe not his name," and " She is far from the Land where her young

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The engagement of Mr. and Mrs. Kean at the Theatre has had the effect of replenishing the coffers of the managers, the house having been well attended every night they performed. On Monday Mrs. Kean had her benefit, when the house was crammed in every part. The pieces enacted were *As You Like It*, and *The Honey Moon*, in which Mr. and Mrs. Kean sustained the principal characters, and were much applauded. Last night Miss Phillips, a deserving young actress, took her benefit, when Mr. Kean again appeared as *Hotspur*, in *Henry IV*. Mr. Vale, late of the Surrey Theatre, but who is now domiciled in Brighton, played on Tuesday and again last night. He was one of the most efficient actors at the Surrey, and was always a great favourite. The managers have also had the assistance of Mr. T. Green, from the metropolitan boards. Mr. and Mrs. Kean have, we hear, taken lodgings here for a month ; and there is no doubt that the managers will embrace the opportunity of concluding another engagement with them, for they appear to be the only persons who can really draw good houses.—*Brighton Gazette* of Thursday.

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Theatre at Bury, Suffolk.—Miss Graut has been acting at Bury with great success ; her benefit took place on the 4th instant, by desire and under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Marquis and Marchioness of Bristol, and the Earl and Countess of Arundel. Miss Graut is engaged by Mr. Harry Hall for the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, and makes her first appearance to-night.

Princess's Theatre.—It is the intention of the management of this Theatre to produce, independently of Operas and Ballets, light Vaudevilles and Musica Farces. Mr. Maddox and Mr. H. Wallack are actively employed in making preparations.

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THE Opera of *The Secret Marriage* was repeated here last night, and the applause bestowed upon the singing of Miss Adelaide Kemble, Mrs. Alfred Shaw, Miss Rainforth, and Mr. Giubilei, was most enthusiastic. *The Turf*, and *Cousin Lambkin*, were the afterpieces.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

LAST night there was a most attractive bill of fare at this Theatre, consisting of *The Welsh Girl*, in which Madame Vestris played, *Grandfather Whitehead*, *The Belle of the Hotel*, *One Hour*, and *A Kiss in the Dark*. Among the fashionables who attended the *debut* of Madame Vestris, on Monday evening, at this Theatre, were Lord Augustus Fitzclarence, and the Hon. Capt. Lowther, M.P. The entertainments this evening will commence with *The School for Scandal*, followed by Buckstone's new Duo-drama of *The Snapping Turtles*, and *Perfection*.

Victoria.—The performances at this Theatre on Monday evening were for the Benefit of that clever actress Miss Vincent. The opening piece was a melo-dramatic romance, entitled *May Martin, the Maid of the Green Mountains*. The burden of the performance chiefly depends upon Miss Vincent, who in the character of *May Martin*, has to undergo a variety of perils for the sake of her lover, *William Ashby*, and in order to avoid a hateful union with *Richard Gow* (Mr. Saville,) a thief and coiner, but who, under the guise of a money-finder, had obtained considerable influence in the district in which he resided, and where all the parties dwelt—one of the new settlements in America. The piece terminates with the death of *Gow*, who falls by the hand of *May Martin*, who is thus happily united with the man of her choice. The piece was loudly applauded. *Catherine and Petruchio* followed. The principal characters were sustained by Miss Vincent and Mr. Osbaldiston with considerable ability, and the acting throughout was of such a character as to command the plaudits of the audience. The new grand romance of *Crichton* closed the entertainments of the evening, which, as a whole, gave the greatest possible satisfaction to one of the fullest houses we have seen at this Theatre.

Brighton Theatre, Nov. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Kean have entered into a third engagement with the managers of this Theatre, commencing last night. Mr. Kean played *Macbeth*, and Mrs. Kean *Lady Macbeth*. This evening they appear in *The Rose of Arragon*, to-morrow in *Richard the Third*, on Thursday in *Much Ado About Nothing*, and on Friday they take their benefit. During the whole of their engagements they have been playing to excellent houses. It is a fact that the managers reckon

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French Taste!—At the *Gaité Theatre*, in Paris, a Melo-Drama has just been produced, which appears to surpass all predecessors in disgusting horror of plot and detail. This Drama is founded on the exploits of "*Les Chauffeurs*," those banditti who tortured their victims by *roasting their feet!* Curious taste this, in "the most polished nation in Europe," too!

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Previous to the Play, Weber's Overture to "The Ruler of the Spirits."

Alonso, (King of Naples) Mr COOPER,
Sebastian (his Brother) . . . Mr DIDDEAR,
Prospero, (Duke of Milan,) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Antonio, (the Usurping Duke of Milan) Mr J. VINING,
Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Adrian & Francisco, Messrs A. Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano . . . (a Drunken Butler) . . . Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Miranda, (Daughter of Prospero) Miss VANDENHOFF
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THIS Evening, Naval Engagements, Grandfather Whitehead, One Hour ; or, a Carnival Ball, The Belle of the Hotel, and A Kiss in the Dark.

Theatre Royal.—In the present week Mr. H. Betty has played several popular characters, and most of them with great success. We saw him in *Alexander*, "the son of Phillip," the wild creation of poor Nat. Lee, and were agreeably startled by the performance. He looked the unbridled and reckless monarch to the life, and in many of the scenes produced a powerful effect by his glowing representation of the character, and his finely-managed declamation. The closing scene of *Alexander's* life was a touching and masterly picture ; and, though capable of improvement, was yet the product of genius and refined art. In the part of *Selim*, in *Barbarossa*, Mr. Betty made some excellent hits, to adopt the theatrical phrase ; but still, the acting was defective in many respects, the nice shading of character, so skilfully accomplished by the practised artist, being greatly overlooked. In *Thoas*, in Talfourd's beautiful Play of *The Athenian Captive*, we had not the pleasure of seeing him, but report speaks loudly in his favour, and the Play, we understand, went off well. Last evening he enacted the part of *Claude Melnotte*, in *The Lady of Lyons*, for his own benefit. We were highly gratified by the entire performance, and portions of it were equal to anything of the kind at present to be seen on the English stage. The house was crowded, and

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Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
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Theatrical Squabble.—Celeste and our Charlotte, says the N. Y. Sunday Morning News, are at it in great style in Philadelphia, and from the belligerent attitude of the two ladies, we do not see how a duel is to be avoided. Charlotte, it appears, announced a new piece, called *The Pretty Girls of Stilburg*, and stated that it was written for Madame Celeste.

Madame therefore published a card, denying the fact, and in fact implying that Charlotte had told a falsehood, and that it was not the genuine play in which she performed at the Haymarket. In reply to this, Charlotte publishes her card, in which the indignation is piled up pretty considerable, and she asserts that Madame has promulgated that which she cannot substantiate, and assures the public that it is the self same piece. The following are the closing remarks :

" In my capacity as Directress of the Walnut Street Theatre, this explanation is due from me to the public. Those who know me, I am sure will not for a moment suppose that I would announce a piece for any thing but what it is, or attempt to pass off a spurious one. The plain matter is, that *The Pretty Girls of Stilburg*, is a charming little Interlude, and that it has been produced with such promptness and success as to disappoint some persons who are not friends of the Walnut-street Theatre.

" Our sin has been only an effort to please the public with novelties, as early as they could be produced."

Thus the matter stands, and we cannot see how the wounded honor of the fair ladies is to be healed except by a duel.—*The Boston Times*, October 26.

AN ACTOR'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of The Theatrical Observer.

SIR,—I have ever been an attentive, useful actor, and have served at many London Theatres, and chief principal ditto—am eccentric in manner, but always sober, perfect, cleanly, and in time. I write to every manager for an engagement. I *sing* a little, but in vain do I *chaunt* " For *Conquest* directed" when writing to the *Garrick*, or to the *Surrey*, " In *Honor's* cause my life I've passed"—it's no go. I write to the City Theatre, but there I am *Dunn* (done) Brown ; at Sadler's Wells there's a *Greenwood*, and as I am no *Nebuchadnezzar* I cannot *graze* on it. At the " Grecian Saloon," I am *Rouse'd* out of all chances, and because I have no *Braiding* about my coat I am shut out from the *Albert*.

Mad-ox (Maddocks) is infuriated against me at the Princes's Theatre, because I am too much of a John *Bull* to *bellow* in favour of German Operas and foreign singers, yet advises my trying the Victoria, but as there is a Mr. *Owe* at the head of the firm, I am fearful of the risk of Saturday (query). Under these circumstances what would you advise ? Can you put me in the way of bringing out a piece, full of

startling incidents, low buffoonery, blue fire, fagots, murders, executions, suicides, unnatural parents, virtuous daughters, and wicked sons, called *The Red-haired Scullion; or, the Maid of Greece*. In act 2nd a real frying pan will be introduced, in which the *Maid of Greece* will swim in *fat*, the piece being written for her; or if I could encourage a handsome child to turn prostitute do you think that would improve my fortunes? I have once attempted suicide, and twice meditated forgery, but still I am unnoticed. Something must be done, and if you, or any of your readers, can advise me how to act, or what to do, I shall for ever feel obliged.

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We copy the following remarks upon the departure of Mrs. Fitzwilliam and Mr. Buckstone from America, from *The Daily Bee*, a Boston newspaper, of the 26th of October :

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" Farewell ! A word that must be, and hath been
 A sound that makes us linger—yet farewell !"

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

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" Down-street, Monday, Nov. 21.

" Sir—I have visited Miss Kemble this afternoon, and consider her incapable of performing her professional duties this evening.

" JAMES ARTHUR WILSON, M. D.

" To the Manager of Covent Garden Theatre."

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. Obbard gave a grand Masquerade at this Theatre last night, which was exceedingly well attended. Among the various amusements provided for the entertainment of the visitors, we may mention a Ballet, entitled *Happy Moments*, produced in honour of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of England, the performances of two artistes from the Continent, called *Studies from the Antique*, and the India Rubber Wonder, "one of the most surprising and extraordinary features that has ever been seen in this country." They gave unbounded gratification, and elicited immense applause.

Adelphi.—The performances at this Theatre last evening attracted a crowded house, and consisted of *The Miser's Daughter*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, the Ballet of *Alma*, and *The Secret*. The same pieces will be repeated every night this week.

Queen's.—*Nicholas Nickleby*, which has been newly arranged, and the popular piece, called *Sixteen String Jack*, will be acted here to-night, on Friday, and Saturday. On Wednesday, Mr. Manders takes his Benefit, and on Thursday, the entertainments are for the Benefit of Miss Rogers.

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available in the country. Mrs. Anderson, the eminent pianoforte player, is also engaged, as well as Miss Bassano, Giubilei, T. Wright, Willy, Hausmann, &c.

Park Theatre.—There is no mistake in Mrs. Brougham. She is a very superior actress, and the Theatre and its audience should congratulate themselves on such a sterling acquisition. Her acting in *The Rivals* last night fully confirmed the opinion expressed of her talents in *Lady Teazle*, and she may consider her New York reputation as established. Her husband has the same right.—*New York Herald*.

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THE performances at this Theatre, this evening, are *The School for Scandal*, *The Snapping Turtles*, and *Perfection*. On Monday next, a new Comedietta, in two acts, called *A Cure for Love*, will be produced.

Paris Theatricals.—The Academy de Music is the seat, at this moment, of a terrible warfare—the subject is the overpowering ascendancy of one contralto *prima donna*, Madame Stoltz, the singer, over her willing slave, M. Pillet, the lessee. In the paper warfare are engaged several of the minor journals of Paris, and their leader is a rich man, who put himself on the ranks for the lesseeship of that theatre of European fame. On the *Vaisseau Fantome* the present lessee relied for increase of credit and power over public opinion, but, true to its name, it has only brought with it a phantom of success.

At the Italiens, to the important *debut* of Madame Pauline Garcia Viardot, succeeded that of the tenor Corelli. Singular enough—thanks to the public caprice, the former fell much beneath expectation, whilst the latter greatly surpassed it. Made Viardot, a great *artiste* and an admirable musician, with a voice enjoying great bursts of energy, deals too much in the execution of passages of the most acromatic, bold, and ambitious character—exquisite in their delicacy, wonderful in themselves (but too much detached from the canvass)—to speak pictorially, injurious to dramatic effect, and exhausting her powers, which is much to be lamented. The tenor, Corelli, I announce to your London *virtuosi* (there were not a few at the Italiens last evening) as a most promising singer—his method is pure, and devoid of trickery ; his voice is clear and argentine, and he makes the very heart strings vibrate by the deep emotion of his tones. "Una furtiva Lagrima," in the *Elisire d'Amore*, capped his triumph. "Vedremmo !" for musical, like all other critics, are subject to judge in haste and repent at leisure.

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Lockit..... Mr BARTLEY,
Filch.. Mr HARLEY,
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A Dance by the Characters.

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Philip Faulconbridge Mr ANDERSON,
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Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON,
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Miss Grant.—It appears that Mr. H. Hall secured the services of this young lady on his opening at Newcastle, on the 14th, how far he was right in doing so will best appear from the following extracts: "The pleasant Farce of *The Loan of a Lover* concluded the amusements of the night (the 14th,) Mr. Lacy and Mr. Corrie were assiduous in their personations of *Captain Amersfort* and *Peter Spyk*, as was Miss Treble, in *Ernestine*, but the gem of the piece was the *Gertrude* of Miss Grant, (of the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden); from her entrance to her exit Miss Grant was as perfectly at home as if she had been one of the "old familiar faces,"—there was a winning ease, a peculiar buoyancy and grace about her acting which forced their way at once to the hearts of her delighted auditory, and she may now consider herself as an established favourite here; she has a beautiful voice, exquisite taste, and her ballad singing is, of course, of a most fascinating description—so captivating was the fair stranger that she was four times encored, with all of which she complied in the most charming manner, and retired amid the enthusiastic plaudits of a delighted audience." And again, speaking of her performance on the following Wednesday, in *The Swiss Cottage*—"In the Farce, Mr. Corrie, as the young farmer *Natz*, and Mr. Lacy, as *Max*, a Swiss soldier, played well. Miss Grant, as *Lisette*, was again the life of the piece; her acting was exceedingly natural and pretty, and her songs were given delightfully; "Liberty for me," was a brilliant performance, and "The Alpine Maid," was loudly encored."—*From the Newcastle Chronicle*, Nov. 19.

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Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
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Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

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Purcell.—For the just appreciation of the poetry of Purcell's music, we must look to posthumous praise, a kind of late generosity, a sort of tardy justice, which even malice renders to the illustrious dead when they are as insensible to applause or censure as they were once indifferent. Dr. Burney observes that, "if a parallel were to be drawn between Purcell and any popular composer of a different country, reasons might be assigned for supposing him superior to any other great and favourite contemporary musician in Europe." However, although in his own country he was not in his own lifetime at the pinnacle of all English musicians, a traditionary anecdote (with which the writer of this article was made acquainted in Italy,) will sufficiently show that his fame had spread to the Continent, and procured him the most extravagant admiration on the part of one whose opinion was "worth a whole theatre of others!" Corelli, having seen some of Purcell's trios in the possession of an English nobleman then travelling through Italy, was so struck by them, that he conceived the romantic idea of visiting their author in his native land (a journey by no means so facile or pleasant *en route* in those days,) where he unfortunately arrived three days after the death of our Orpheus. Single-hearted and single-minded in the object of his journey, Corelli exclaimed, "Henry Purcell dead ! then I have no further business in this land," and, turning on his heel, departed for his home.

The following humorous *rebus*, in Latin rhymes, was written in praise of Purcell, by a person named Tomlinson, and an English version of it, set to music in the old popular catch style, by a composer of the name of Lenton. We subjoin the original and translation :—

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 Intrat cognomen blanditiis cati,
 Exit eremi in œdibus statim ;
 Expertum effectum omnes admirentur ;
 Quid merent poetæ ? ut bene calcentur.

A mate to a cock, and corn tall as wheat,
 Is his Christian name, who in music's complete ;

His surname begins with the grace of a cat,
And ends with the home of a hermit ; note that.
His skill and performance each auditor wins,
But the poet deserves a good kick on the shins !

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Mr. Bunn continued—it would be a matter of the deepest regret to know that after the liberal surrender of the performers' salaries during the present week, in order to meet the difficulties, that the Theatre should prematurely close, and the name of Kemble should pass from the scene of her triumphs to take her farewell of the public in a rival establishment. I am, (continued Mr. Bunn,) the lessee from Christmas of the Theatre for the remainder of the season, but until that time, if the company can arrange to keep the Theatre open, my service shall be given most heartily to their interests. Mr. Benedict here observed, that on the part of Miss Adelaide Kemble and Mrs. Alfred Shaw, he was commissioned to state their willingness to render their services, with the general company, receiving only the proportion of their salaries, deducting the usual nightly expenditure, and the payment in full of all salaries up to 3*l.* per week. [This proposition had been previously resolved upon by Messrs. Vandenhoff, Charles Pitt, J. Bland, and Diddear, on Monday night.]

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IMMEDIATELY after the close of the meeting of the performers of this Theatre on Thursday, Mr. Bunn was in personal and confidential communication with Mr. Butler, who acted, and, as it will be seen, has throughout continued to act, as the representative of the Kemble family. The result of the interview was the departure of Mr. Butler for Brighton, where Miss A. Kemble is at present sojourning, for the purpose of communicating to that lady the proposition of the proprietors. She expressed herself deeply sensible of the kind feelings which had been manifested towards her by those present at the meeting held at the theatre during the afternoon; her anxiety that the theatre night, for the interest of the profession, continue open; said she would rather give her services gratuitously than it should be closed, and entrusted Mr. Butler with a letter to that effect to be read at the meeting of yesterday. Mr. Butler, upon his return to town on Saturday morning, saw Mr. Bunn, and made him acquainted with Miss Kemble's very generous offer, at the same time observing that he felt somewhat annoyed at finding that the account which had been given in several of the morning journals, would lead to the inference that compulsion would be observed towards Mr. Kemble in his separation from the management. Mr. Bunn regretted that the statement should have conveyed such an impression, and repeated that he had said to the proprietors that nothing would induce him to place himself in opposition to one whom he so much respected as Mr. Kemble; adding, "If this step is to the prejudice of Mr. Kemble, by — I will not take it." Mr. Butler said it certainly was not; and for his (Mr. Butler's) part, he was heartily rejoiced that Mr. Kemble had given up the lesseeship. The meeting of Saturday was very numerous attended, and the feeling displayed throughout the proceedings was as enthusiastic as it was generous and creditable to all parties. It having been signified to the company that the proprietors could not, with a due regard to the expenses of the Theatre when open, and the interests of the renters, recede from their proposition of the previous day, the announcement of the results of Mr. Butler's journey to Brighton was the all-absorbing subject of expectation, and certainly the chief feature of the meeting was the scene which ensued upon the reading of Miss Kemble's letter. In this communication she stated that "nothing should induce her to put the company in a difficulty; that she would take her salary subject to the receipts; that she would be the last paid; and, that if there was not enough, she would play for nothing."

The cheering which followed the reading of this letter was such as had

never been heard in this Theatre. The company having given expression to their admiration of Miss Kemble's offer, said they were perfectly satisfied that the mere fact of her appearing on the stage for the last time would draw houses that could not fail to cover all the expenses of the management; but, under any circumstances, imitating her example, they would readily take their risk in the receipts of the house.

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Prospero, (Duke of Milan,) MrVANDENHOFF,
Antonio, (theUsurpingDuke of Milan) MrJ.VINING,
Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo..... Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Adrian & Francisco, Messrs.A.Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano....(a Drunken Butler).... Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain.. .. Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Miranda,(Daughter of Prospero)Miss VANDENHOFF
Ariel, (anAiry Spirit) Miss RAINFORTH,
Characters in the Masqoe.
Iris.. Miss COOPER, Ceres.. Miss RAINFORTH,
Juno, Miss POOLE.

After which, the Operatic Play of

ROB ROY.

Sir Frederick Vernon Mr DIDDEAR,
Rashleigh Osbaldistone, Mr C. PITT,
Francis Osbaldistone Mr TRAVERS,
Owen, Mr MEADOWS,
Captain Thornton Mr J. VINING,
Rob Roy Macgregor Campbell, Mr COOPER,
Hamish & Robert, Messrs. J. Ridgway & Marshall,
Major Galbraith, Mr J. BLAND,
Dougal..... Mr W. H. PAYNE,
M'Stuart, Mr BINGF,
Allan.. Mr COLLETT, Jobson.. Mr GRANBY,
Baillie Nicol Jarvie, Mr HARLEY,
M'Vittie, Mr HUGHES, Andrew, Mr T. RIDGWAY,
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Martha, Mrs EMDEN, Mattie, Miss LANE,
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To-morrow, Semiramide, and The Turf.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, the Historical Tragedy of

KING JOHN.

King John, Mr MACREADY,
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William Longsword, Earl of Salisbury, Mr ELTON,
Hubert de Burgh .. Mr PHELPS,
Philip Faulconbridge..... Mr ANDERSON,
Philip Augustus.. Mr GRAHAM,
Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON
Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY,
Giles, Vicomte de Melun .. Mr G. BENNETT,
Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER
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THIS Theatre re-opened last night for the first time since the retirement of Mr. Charles Kemble from the management. The performances were *The Tempest*, and *Rob Roy* ; we were happy to see the house so well attended, and we sincerely hope the company will prosper in their undertaking. To-night Miss Adelaide Kemble will appear in the Opera of *Semiramide*. The Opera of *Masaniello* is to be played to-morrow evening.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THE performances at this Theatre, this evening, are *A Cure for Love*, *Naval Engagements*, *One Hour*, and *A Kiss in the Dark*. To-morrow a Comedietta, called *The Handsome Husband*, will be played for the first time here. On Saturday next, (first time), a new Petite Comedy, in one act, called *The Dowager*, will be produced. The principal characters will be supported by Mr. Charles Mathews, Mr. H. Holl, Mr. Brindal, Madame Vestris, Miss Charles, and Miss C. Connor. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Fitzwilliam has left this Theatre in consequence of the unfavourable position in which she found her pieces placed in the performances of the evening.

ADELPHI.—A new comic piece, in two acts, was produced at this Theatre last night, for the first time ; it was exceedingly well received, and Mr. Wright, Mr. O. Smith, and Miss Murray, kept the audience in a continued roar of laughter by their clever personations of their characters. It will be repeated every night this week, followed by *Antony and Cleopatra*, the new Grand Ballet, and *The Miser's Daughter*. A new Burletta, in three acts, of deep domestic interest, is in a forward state of preparation here.

OLYMPIC.—This Theatre was crowded last night to witness Leman Rede's successful piece of *Life's a Lottery*, the laughable Farce of *The Artful Dodge*, and the *Soldier's Widow ; or, the Mill in Ruins*. This Drama is from the pen of a veteran writer, Mr. Edward Fitzball, and was played some years ago ; but from circumstances and changes in theatrical property, it had been suffered to remain in obscurity for three several years. The story is essentially melo-dramatic ; it was produced with great care and skilful management ; and the scenery, by Messrs. Beverly and Scott, was highly creditable to them as artists. Miss L. Melville played *Jaqueline*, the Soldier's Widow, with much feeling. At the fall of the curtain there was a good deal of applause.

Monsieur Jullien will give a series of twelve Concerts at the English Opera House, the first of which will take place on Friday next.

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Arsace, Mrs ALFRED SHAW,
Assur, Mr GIUBILEI,
Oroe, Mr HORNCastle,
Idreno Mr TRAVERS,
Mitranes, Mr HUGHES,
Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,
Azema, Miss LEE.

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL.

Magi—Messrs. MORGUE, BOUCHER, WILLOUGHBY, &c.

Satrapas—Messrs. COLLETT, MORGAN, MACARTHY, &c.

To conclude with (21st Time) a New, Original, Comic Drama, (in Two Acts) written by Mr. MARK LEMON, called

THE TURF.

Squire Warren Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Captain Flatooker, Mr W. LACY,
Bruce Siney Mr A. WIGAN,
Clovis Culpepper, Mr BARTLEY,
Gallop, Mr MEADOWS, Daniel Doo, Mr GRANBY,
Aaron Tret, Mr HARLEY,
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Allsides, Mr PAYNE, John Trusty, Mr RIDGWAY,
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Benedict is busily engaged in completing his Opera for this Theatre, in which Mrs. Alfred Shaw, Miss Rainforth, and M. Staudigl, the celebrated German basso, will sustain prominent parts, aided by the vocal strength of the company. It is reported that musical pieces by Loder, Macfarren, and Hatton, will be brought out immediately after Christmas at this house.

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LAST night a very clever Farce was produced at this Theatre, entitled *A Cure for Love*. It was highly successful, and created shouts of laughter and applause. The following is a sketch of the plot:—Mr. Trimmer (Farren), a bachelor, in the maturity of his years, has fallen in love with, and married a very young lady, though twice a widow. Drilled by her mother, Mrs. Major Browne (Mrs. W. Clifford), a thorough disciplinarian, Mrs. Trimmer (Mrs. Raymond), contrives to make old Trimmer perfectly miserable, so much so, that he resolves to throw himself into the Serpentine. On the margin of the river he encounters Mr. Sadgrove (Buckstone), who, it appears, is determined on a similar act, though from a different cause, for his lady-love has jilted him and married another. Both parties explain their intentions, become friends, return to Trimmer's house, and then get jolly, to the mortification of Mrs. Trimmer, Mrs. Major Browne, and Miss Bitterton, (Mrs. Glover). In the end Trimmer is declared victorious, his wife promises obedience, turns out to be Sadgrove's old sweetheart remarried, and the curtain falls. The piece was excellently got up, and well acted. Mr. Buckstone was exceedingly comic, and caused much laughter. Mrs. Glover, and Mr. W. Farren, acted in their usual splendid manner, and were most deservedly applauded. The piece was announced for repetition every evening, by Mr. Farren, amidst general approbation.

We perceive that Mr. Marston's Tragedy of *The Patrician's Daughter*,

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BILLS were posted at the doors of this Theatre last night to inform the public that in consequence of the indisposition of Mrs. Nisbett, Mrs. Sterling would perform her part in *King Arthur*. Mrs. Nisbett does not appear in either of the pieces to-night.

English Opera House.—M. Jullien has engaged the following eminent instrumental performers for his Concerts at this Theatre:—Deloffre, Crouch, Barret, Harper, Platt, Pilet, Howell, Lazarus, Baumann, Prospere, Koenig, Laurent, and Tolbecque. The first concert will take place to-morrow evening, and one of the principal features of the programme is a Scotch Quadrille, in which M. Jullien will introduce an imitation of the Highland Pipe, as performed in Edinburgh with unbounded success during her Majesty's visit to that city.

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Liza Miss POOLE,

Theresa, Mrs R. HUGHES.

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THE TURF.

Squire Warren Mr F. MATTHEWS,

Captain Flatooker, Mr W. LACY,

Bruce Siney Mr A. WIGAN,

Clovis Culpepper, Mr BARTLEY,

Gallop, Mr MEADOWS, Daniel Doo, Mr GRANBY,

Aaron Tret, Mr HARLEY,

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Felix Doo, Master MARSHALL,

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In Act I.—TATTERSALL'S.

In Act II.—A VIEW OF EPSOM ON THE DERBY DAY.

To conclude with (19th Time) a New Farce, called

Cousin Lambkin.

Squire Mulberry, Mr BARTLEY,

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Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kean having been engaged for a short period at the Theatre Royal, made their first appearance on Saturday evening in *The Gamester*. The house was crowded in every part, and nothing could exceed the enthusiastic manner in which these general favourites were received.—*Dublin Correspondent*, Nov. 30.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

THIS Theatre was crammed to the ceiling, last night, to hear the first of a series of twelve Concerts, given by M. Jullien ; it went off with great *éclat*. The inimitable Jullien himself is little changed, and on his appearance he was welcomed by a shower of applause from all parts of the house. The lion of the concert was a *real* Scotch Quadrille, in which M. Jullien introduced an imitation of an Highland pipe, which was rapturously received, and was encored amidst the waving of hats and handkerchiefs. The introduction of our old favourites in this quadrille was managed with infinite taste and judgment, and we relish them even more than we did the Irish quadrilles. Koenig played upon the cornet-a-piston with his usual excellence, and received several rapturous encores. At the end of the concert M. Jullien was again warmly applauded, and we have no doubt he will have the pleasure of finding his speculation profitable. The second concert takes place this evening. We regret to announce that that great *artiste*, Herr Koenig can only perform four nights more, viz. this evening, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, being obliged to fulfil an engagement in Scotland.

Madame Celeste has returned to her engagements in this country by the Caledonia, after a successful trip to America. The *Boston Times* states, " that the Theatre, on the occasion of her farewell night, was so overcrowded as to cause quite a row. The tickets during her engagement were sold by public auction, and as much as three dollars paid for one box ticket. The next premium for the choice only of boxes the two last nights, amounted to 5-40 dollars." She appears on Wednesday next at the Haymarket Theatre in her favourite character of *Suzanne*.

Thalberg's concerts at Edinburgh and Glasgow have been brilliantly attended ; and his performance on the pianoforte has been rapturously applauded, both in his fantasias and duets with young Mori, who acquitted himself most admirably, and bids fair to become a first-rate pianist. Signor and Madame Ronconi, as well as Miss Cubitt, have pleased very much, while John Parry's mirth-moving ditties have been vociferously encored at all the concerts. The party were to leave Glasgow yesterday

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The Overture and the whole of the Music. (with the Exception of an Air of Paesello's) by CIMAROSA.

CONDUCTOR MR. BENEDICT

The Character of Carolina, by Miss A. KEMBLE,
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Tattle, Mr HUDSON, Foresight, Mr COMPTON,
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ADELPHI.—The performances at this Theatre, this week, are *You*

Know What, Antony & Cleopatra, Alma, and The Miser's Daughter. On Monday next, a new Burletta, in three acts, by the author of *Satanstoe*, which will embrace the whole strength of the company, will be produced. Great preparations are making at this house for the forthcoming Christmas Pantomime; the opening will be the production of Mr. E. Stirling, adapter of *The Miser's Daughter*.

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Gonzalo Mr F. MATTHEWS,

Adrian & Francisco, Messrs. A. Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,

Stephano (a Drunken Butler) . . . Mr BARTLEY,

Boatswain Mr W. H. PAYNE,

Miranda, (Daughter of Prospero) Miss VANDENHOFF

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Mr. W. H. Phillips, professor of the violoncello at the Royal Academy of Music, has been appointed director of the chorus at the Princess's Theatre in Oxford Street.

Strathfieldsay.—The Duke of Wellington intends to be very gay next week at Strathfieldsay, for he has engaged several vocalists to attend for three or four days, in order to entertain his guests with music. Giubilei was to have been there, but, being unwilling to desert his professional friends at Covent Garden, when his services could be useful to the concern, he sacrificed both the honour and emolument for the general weal. Mrs. Shaw and Miss Rainforth, have declined several very lucrative offers rather than quit their post, when their presence was of the utmost importance to the interest of the commonwealth. Had every individual connected with the establishment acted with the same disinterested feeling, there would have been no occasion to close the house so suddenly as it was on the 21st ult.

How to Fill a Theatre.—The Grand Theatre of Lyons, recently rebuilt, has just been opened. Many reports, however, which impugned the solidity of the roof and the strength of the whole building, have proved injurious to the success of the theatre, and for several nights its doors were opened at a severe loss. In this dilemma the management hit upon a new experiment to disarm the public of the fear that made them shun the theatre on account of its precarious safety. They hired 2,000 men from the garrison, and these intrepid men braved the danger of sitting through the performances for three evenings successively. The whole *etat-major* and the civil authorities of the town, also partook of the peril, and the consequence is, their gallantry has restored confidence to the timorous public, and the theatre is now enjoying a nightly repetition of crowded houses. Under the Restoration a different manœuvre was called into play, under somewhat similar circumstances. The report had got industriously circulated that the Theatre Feydeau threatened to fall in. The lodgers had declared, so it was said, that they had had

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Will, at the end of the Opera, sing (by particular desire,) the Ballad of
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Cousin Lambkin.

Squire Mulberry, Mr BARTLEY,
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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

THE Concerts at this Theatre attract crowds of fashionables nightly, who are highly delighted by the exquisite manner in which the different pieces of music are given. Jullien's Scotch Quadrille has always to be repeated.

The musical world will learn with regret the death of the octogenarian Signor Ferrari, once conductor of the Opera, and preceptor to the late Queen Caroline and Princess Charlotte.

Meyerbeer has suffered a great domestic calamity. He has lost one of his brothers, scarcely 44 years of age. This brother, to whom he was much attached, was struck with apoplexy while walking in one of the streets in Berlin. He dragged himself home with difficulty, and died two days afterwards.

The *Independent* of Brussels states that on Saturday last cries were heard in the apartment occupied by Mademoiselle Crecy, an actress in that city, and that a few minutes afterwards a medical man was called in to attend a lady, whom he found lying on a sofa, bathed in blood. It would appear that wounds had been made in the head and hands of the sufferer. The person thus injured is Madame Royer, who, after a sharp discussion with Mademoiselle Crecy, was attacked by the latter, and wounded as stated above. Mademoiselle Crecy was interrogated the next day by the Juge d'Instruction, and the wounds, it was stated, were given with a steel leaf-cutter. The matter, however, says the *Belge*, will probably terminate in a complaint before the Correctional Police.

Mr. T. D. Rice, the original "Jim Crow," who acquired so much popularity here a few seasons back, has again arrived in this country from New York, and will perform at the Adelphi Theatre after the Christmas holidays.

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The Welsh Harp Abroad.—Who would have thought of hearing the old Cambrian air, "March Megan," struck up, on a real Welsh harp, beneath the walls of Nankin, the ancient capital of the Chinese empire? The fact is so, strange as it may sound. A performer on that instrument accompanied Lieutenant Tudor, commander of the *Pluto*, armed steamer, the gallant bearing of which vessel in the important victories at Woosong, Paouschau, and Shangae, is spoken of in terms of the highest admiration by Sir William Parker, and "struck up a lilt so gaily" to cheer the drooping spirits of the Chinese.

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The Entre-Acts from Haydn's and Beethoven's Symphonies.

Previous to the Play, Weber's Overture to "The Ruler of the Spirits."

Alonso, (King of Naples) Mr COOPER,
Sebastian (his Brother) Mr DIDDEAR,
Prospero, (Duke of Milan,) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Antonio, (the Usurping Duke of Milan) Mr J. VINING,
Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Adrian & Francisco, Messrs. A. Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano . . . (a Drunken Butler) . . . Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Miranda, (Daughter of Prospero) Miss VANDENHOFF
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Characters in the Masque.
Iris . . Miss COOPER, Ceres . . Miss RAINFORTH,
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Masaniello, Mr W. HARRISON,

Alphonso . . . Mr TRAVERS, Lorenzo . . . Mr A. WIGAN.

Pietro . . Mr G. HORNCastle,

Moreno, Mr BINGE, Ruffino Mr J. BLAND,

Selva, Mr COLLETT, Commissioner, Mr MOORE,

Neapolitan Nobles, Pages, Fishermen, Fishermen's Wives, &c. &c.

Elvira, Miss POOLE,

Fenella (the Dumb Girl,) Miss BALLIN,

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In Act I.—THE GUARACHA,

By Mesdames Ridgway, Taylor, Kendall, James, &c.

PAS D'ESPAGNE,—by Master and Miss Marshall,

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Amiens, Mr ALLEN, Jaques, Mr MACREADY,
Duke Frederick, Mr G. BENNETT,
Le Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,
Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,
Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,
Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,
William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,
Pages Miss P. HORTON, and Miss GOULD,
Foresters, Mr STRETTON, Mr J. REEVE, &c.
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Theatricals in South America.—Early in the spring of the present year the proprietor of the Sydney Theatre arrived in London for the purpose of getting up a company to return with him to that locality. From among other places the Albert Saloon was selected as a likely place to find fish to nibble. Accordingly the Sidney proprietor forthwith engaged (we give the theatrical *soubriquets*), Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James, and two others to accompany them on this long and dreary voyage. In April last they all sailed in the barque *Trial*, commanded by Captain Harper, and after knocking about the chops of the Channel a considerable time, they were compelled to run into Cork. Suffice it to say they did not reach Rio de Janeiro (about half way to Sidney,) until the middle of August! The company were permitted to land at Rio de Janeiro, where they played at the English theatre three nights successively.

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Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY,
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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

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On Monday evening, just as the performances were about to commence at the Pavilion Theatre, a broker entered the house with an execution for an arrear of rent, and seized upon all the properties, so that they could not be proceeded with, and the audience were obliged to leave the Theatre without having their money returned to them, or any equivalent value.

Musical Lecture.—The Theatre of the Southwark Literary Institution was filled last night, by a very respectable audience, who had assembled to hear a second lecture on the rise and progress of music, given by Mr. Topliff, organist of Trinity Church, Newington. In noticing some of the earlier stages of musical history, Mr. Topliff commented very eloquently upon the veneration in which, in all ages, music has been held by men the most illustrious in intellectual eminence; and cited a number of historical evidences to show how fallacious and opposed to fact, is the notion so frequently contended for, that music is a useless and frivolous pursuit, seldom countenanced by great minds. Passing from Homer, Socrates, St. Augustine, and others, Mr. Topliff wound up a list of eminent names with Roger, Ascham, Milton, and Shakspere, all of whom have left imperishable memorials of their love for "sweet sounds." He then proceeded to describe the character of the voice, and the extreme delicacy of its modulative powers, as effected by the larynx. This led to remarks upon the usual mode of its cultivation; in the course of which Mr. Topliff very amusingly hit off the affectations observable in some of our would-be-thought singers of the present day, and concluded by a lucid and instructive lesson on the proper management of the voice, and the attainments requisite to form a good singer. The better to enforce his observations, Mr. Topliff gave some laughable illustrations of what he had been saying, and ended the lecture by demonstrating the different effects of a song with or without expression. A beautiful Sabbath melody, in manuscript, composed by Mr. Topliff, to the words, "Go to the Ant," was most effectively sung by a young lady,

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The Music selected from the works of PURCELL, LINLEY, and Dr. ARNE, arranged by Mr. J. H. Tully.

The Entre-Acts from Haydn's and Beethoven's Symphonies.

Previous to the Play, Weber's Overture to "The Ruler of the Spirits."

Alonso, (King of Naples) Mr COOPER,
Sebastian(his Brother).. . . Mr DIDDEAR,
Prospero, (Duke of Milan,) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Antonio, (the Usurping Duke of Milan) Mr J. VINING,
Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo.. Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Adrian & Francisco, Messrs. A. Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano....(a Drunken Butler).... Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain.. Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Miranda, (Daughter of Prospero) Miss VANDENHOFF
Ariel, (an Airy Spirit) Miss RAINFORTH,
Characters in the Masque.
Iris, . Miss COOPER, Ceres.. Miss RAINFORTH,
Juno, Miss POOLE

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MASANIELLO.

WITH the WHOLE of the MUSIC, COMPOSED by AUBER

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The Scenery by the Messrs. Grieve.

The Decorations, by Mr. W. Bradwell. The Dances, by Mr Gilbert.

Masaniello, Mr W HARRISON,

Alphonso... Mr TRAVERS, Lorenzo... Mr A. WIGAN.

Pietro.. Mr G. HORNCastle,

Moreno, Mr BINGE, Ruffino Mr. J. BLAND,

Selva, Mr COLLETT, Commissioner, Mr MOORE,

Neapolitan Nobles, Pages, Fishermen, Fishermen's Wives, &c. &c.

Elvira, Miss POOLE,

Fenella (the Dumb Girl,) Miss BALLIN,

Inis, Miss FLOYD.

In Act I.—THE GUARACHA,

By Mesdames Ridgway, Taylor, Kendall, James, &c.

PAS D'ESPAGNE,—by Master and Miss Marshall,

In Act II.—A BOLERO,—by Mr. Gilbert and Miss Ballin.

And THE TARANTELLA,

By Messrs. Ridgway, J. Ridgway, Delferier, Mrs. Ridgway, &c.

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

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KING JOHN.

King John, Mr MACREADY,
Prince Henry, his Son Miss HOWARD,
Geffrey Fitz-Peter, Earl of Essex.. Mr ELLIS,
William Longsword, Earl of Salisbury, Mr ELTON,
Hubert de Burgh .. Mr PHELPS,
Philip Faulconbridge..... Mr ANDERSON,
Philip Augustus.. Mr GRAHAM.
Lewis the Dauphin Mr HUDSON,
Arch-Duke of Austria, Mr SELBY,
Giles, Vicomte de Melun .. Mr G. BENNETT,
Cardinal Pandulph, the Pope's Legate, Mr RYDER,
Queen Elinor Miss ELLIS,
The Lady Constance, Miss H. FAUCIT,
Blanch Miss FAIRBROTHER
Lady Faulconbridge, Mrs SELBY.

After which, (20th Time) DRYDEN's Dramatic Opera of

King Arthur ; Or, The British Worthy.

The Overture and all the Music composed by PURCELL, with the exception of the Solo in " Come follow me," & the Pieces, " Thus I infuse," and " O sight, thou mother of desire."

The whole arranged with additional accompaniments, by Mr. T. COOKE.

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Aurelius, Mr SELBY, Albanact, Mr MELLON,
Cadwallon, Mr HOWELL, Ambrosius, Mr C. J. SMITH,
Urien, Mr CARLE, Merlin, Mr RYDER, Minstrels, Messrs. Redfearn, &c.
Warriors, Mr J. Reeve, &c. Peasants, Mr Roberts, &c.
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HAY-MARKET THEATRE.

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Why England is not a Musical Nation.—Having, like many others now living, entered upon the study of the composer's art with all that enthusiasm and ever shining hope which make all things appear possible, how was my enthusiasm checked, my hope be-dimmed, when I found that every door was shut against the English composer ; or, if not quite shut, left but so little way ajar, that the merest trifles could alone pass in. Added to this disappointment came the mindless, but unceasing taunt, that England was not a musical nation ; therefore it was useless to struggle for musical renown. Hearing this, it became a question—why should England *not* be a musical nation ? Did we not possess ears, voices, minds to comprehend, tastes to discover, and appreciate the beautiful in art, come in what shape it would ? Were foreign composers made of different mould to other men ? If not, surely we might still hope that the land which bore a Shakspeare, a Milton, a Byron, and a Scott, and that revolutionizer of the world, a Watt, had still some few grains of dust left worthy of forming a musical genius, whose statue might one day be placed, without insult, beside even that of Mozart ? Had we not already equalled, and even surpassed, our foreign rivals in almost all things that had been encouraged ? Encouraged ! in that word lay the answer. England was not a musical nation, because her native musical composers had never been encouraged ?—*From a paper by G. Herbert Rodwell in the Dramatic and Musical Review.*

Auguste Vestris, the celebrated dancer, who died on Monday, better known perhaps by the name of Vestr' Allard, having joined his own name to the latter dissyllable, that being the name of his mother, herself a dancer of most eminent merit—was born in 1759. The name of his family was originally *Vestri*, and it is to Florence that they lay the claim of extraction. Long known as the finest dancer in Europe—possessed of a form remarkable for its symmetry—an air replete with elegance—year upon year, and season upon season, Vestris continued to be the leader, and Coryphæus of the Opera. In later years, when he retired

from the stage, and we believe up to the time of his death, he was a pensioner of the Royal Academy of Music, at Paris. Laharpe tells the following.—It was an amusing scene. The Duke de Bourbon arrived at the moment when Vestris was dancing. The house received the Prince, who was much beloved, with intense plaudits. Vestris considered this astounding approbation to be for him, and he redoubled his efforts in a manner so marked that the public perceived it, and laughed outright. Vestris was so far animated, that he continued to dance even after the violins had ceased.

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The PROLOGUE, written by Mr. CHARLES DICKENS, will be
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An interval of a Month is supposed to elapse between the 1st & 2d Acts.

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The Earl of Lynterne..(a Statesman)..Mr PHELPS,

Sir Archer Taunton..Mr M. BARNETT,

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Captain Pierpoint, Mr HUDSON,

Heartwell, Mr ELTON, Lister, Mr G. BENNETT,

Lord Chatterly, Mr SELBY,

Deancourt, Mr W. H. Bland, Colville, Mr Roberts.

Physician, Mr Ryder, Solicitor, Mr Yarnold,

Guests of Lord Lynterne, Mr Mellon, Mr Stanley, &c.

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Lord Lynterne's Servant, Mr Bender, Mr Brady, &c.

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Quadrille .. Semiramide, or Rossini's Melodies,
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Waltz .. Les Fusees Volantes .. Strauss
Solo, Pianoforte, Grand Fantasia from La Son-
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Description—1. Ma Terre Natale, 2. The Lily
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wore a wreath of roses. 5. Beautiful Venice.
Chorus of Gondolieri and receding Music.

Solo, Concertina, Mr CASE. Case
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IT was on condition that Miss Adelaide Kemble should have a *free* benefit, that is, none of the expenses of the house to be deducted from the receipts, that she consented to perform up to Christmas on a sharing system. The produce of last Tuesday's performance amounted to about 600*l.*, to the whole of which Miss Kemble was entitled, but we hear that she requested the treasurer to deduct the usual expenses of the evening. The house was closed on Saturday owing to Miss Adelaide Kemble being hoarse.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

ON Saturday evening, a new Tragedy, written by J. Westland Marston, Esq., was brought out at this Theatre, and received with applause. The story is not interesting, it is from end to end, a concatenation of absurdities, of a most unpoetical spirit, and wholly undramatic in its form, and the author proves to be totally deficient in that highest quality which men term genius. Of the acting in this piece much cannot be said, the want of life and motion in the Drama seemed to have communicated themselves to the performers, for, with a single exception, they all acted as if they were performing a pageant, and not in a mimic scene of deep passion. Mr. Macready played with an immense deal of energy, and, although he nearly roared himself hoarse, he could not communicate vitality to the benumbed scene. Mrs. Warner played admirably. Miss Faucit and Mr. Phelps had cold, chill, disheartening parts, and they acted them accordingly. *King Arthur* concluded. The Farce of *The Eton Boy*, which was announced as the last piece, could not be played, as *King Arthur* did not conclude till past 12 o'clock. The Christmas Pantomime, at this Theatre, is to be called *Harlequin and William Tell; or, the Genius of the Ribstone Pippin*.

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Queen's.—*The London Mechanic*, *Earl Ferrars*, and *Jonathan Bradford*, are the entertainments here for the week.

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The Pantomime at this house, is a joint stock production by the contributors to *Punch*. It is to be entitled *Punch's Pantomime; or, Harlequin and Magna Charta!*

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Middle. Ellsler, after performing an engagement of two months in Paris, is engaged to appear in London for the ensuing operatic season.

Meyerbeer's Opera of the '*Huguenots*' has just been brought out with great splendor at the Hague. Liszt and Rubini are giving concerts at the same place with the utmost success.

Te Deum.—The sacred composition so well known in the church by the name of *Te Deum*, was written by St. Ambrose at the baptism of St. Augustin, whom he had converted to the faith; but, though it be known

that Purcell and Handel have best illustrated its sentiments, no one can say who *first* set it to music.

Theatricals Extraordinary.—The following is a copy of a placard exhibited outside a shop in Union-street, Borough :—"This Evening, Mr. Smiffin, the American *Gugler* will go through his celebrated *performance* & dance a *Duble* Hornpipe in Clogs after *wich* The murder of the *Diff's Dum* Girl, to conclude with the wonderful *performance* on the Slack *whire* by the Infant *Sappo a Babby* only 4 years old admittance one penny Reserved seats for *Ladis*."

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Mitranes, Mr HUGHES,

Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,

Azema, Miss LEE.

Princes of Egypt and Ethiopia—Messrs. ANDREWS & RUSSELL,

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New Theatre, Marylebone.—On Monday night a new Theatre was opened for the first time, in Church-street, Marylebone, in the immediate vicinity of Portman market. It is a most commodious building, and is capable of containing between two thousand and three thousand persons. The interior is fitted up with great regard to convenience, and much taste has been displayed in the general decoration of the house ; indeed we consider it to be as elegant and as unique a Theatre, for its size, as any within the metropolis. The doors were scarcely opened before the house was crowded in every part, and the audience in the boxes displayed a class of persons whose attendance gave to the establishment a tone of respectability which must hereafter have a most beneficial effect upon it. Among the company that have been engaged we noticed several names that speak well for the species of entertainments that will be furnished to the visitors at this Theatre,—Mr. Osbaldiston, Miss Vincent, Mr. B. Rayner, Mr. T. Lee, the Irish comedian, Mr. Collins, the vocalist, Mr. Cobham, &c. &c. are amongst those announced to make their appearance at an early period ; indeed, Mr. Rayner supported the character of *Lubin*, in *Passion and Repentance*, in the course of the evening. The performance commenced with a grand historical Drama, entitled *The Saxon Maid ; or, the Days of William the Conqueror*. It is one of those pieces in which there are a tyrant Earl, an unknown Knight, a lost child, a lovely maid, and all the *et cetera* of the regular and well-established romantic spectacle. It was well sustained by the several performers engaged in it. Mr. Freer, as the Unknown Knight, drew down unbounded applause from the gallery. Miss Thornton, as a Page, played and sang with considerable effect. A new Farce, entitled *Tea with my Aunt*, followed. It is an agreeable trifle. The entertainments concluded with the petite Drama of *Love's Frailties*, under the name of *Passion and Repentance*, in which

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Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo..... Mr F. MATTHEWS,
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Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano....(a Drunken Butler).... Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain.....Mr W. H. PAYNE,
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COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THE Play of *The Tempest*, and the Opera of *Masaniello*, attracted an excellent house. To-night, Miss A. Kemble will appear for the last time but one in the character of *Norma* ; she will only perform five nights more, viz. on Saturday next, in *Semiramide*, Monday, in *Semiramide*, Tuesday, in *The Secret Marriage*, Thursday, in *Semiramide*, and Friday, December 23rd, in *Norma*.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THE performances at this very popular Theatre fill it nightly with a crowded audience. The bill of fare for this evening consists of *A Cure for Love*, *The Dowager*, *Patter v. Clatter*, and (second time these four years,) the Farce of *My Husband's Ghost*.

Balfe gave a *soiree* the other evening for the principal purpose of making his compositions known to French *dilettanism*. The *salons* were crowded with celebrities—political, literary, and musical. Besides Mad. Balfe, there were present, Pauline Garcia Viardot, Mrs. Hampton, Madame Anna Thillon, our countrywoman, and *prima donna* of the Opera Comique, the heroine of Balfe's forthcoming new work at that Theatre, Mademoiselle Nissen, and Duprez the great tenor. Roger of the Opera Comique, Botelle the bass, the celebrated and veteran Galli, one of the finest basses of his day ; Osborne Oury, the violinist, who played very cleverly Paganini's Rondo Galante, &c. The selection consisted chiefly of pieces from Balfe's Operas, and the success which attended their productions in Italy and England received the rapturous confirmation of the Parisian judges.

Do you remember the last scene of his *Maid of Artois* ? Do you still recollect, or can you possibly ever forget, that highly-wrought dramatic situation where the heroine is in the wide desert, without a human being or aid near, with the exception of her dying lover, and where she gives to him the last drop of water, almost herself suffocated with the horrors of thirst. The distant march is heard, and in the last agony relief comes and the lovers are saved. Malibran then stepped forward and poured forth a *finale* of rapturous joy, the entire audience rising *en masse* at the conclusion to cheer vociferously, for the most frigid temperament was warmed at the tremendous bursts of vocalisation which broke upon the ear. Well, then, scarcely less enthusiasm was manifested last evening at Mrs. Hampton's *entree*, and at Balfe's the other evening, when Pauline Garcia executed with electrical effect this same *finale* with Italian words, to which Balfe had prefixed a little introduction extracted from his Opera of *Lady Jane Grey*. Pauline—for so the world loves to call her still—came out with colossal power, in a series of cadenzas, comprising all the hitherto accomplished difficulties for the human voice, and perhaps "something more." It was sublime singing, dis-

tinguished by its reckless daring, its extraordinary truth of intonation, and its wonderful precision, taking all the admiring artists themselves by storm, and caused them to abandon their usual restraint, and applaud to the very echo like the other amateurs. Balfe, who accompanied this prodigious effort, seemed himself astounded last night at the myriad of notes so prodigally poured forth by this young *cantatrice*, and admitted afterwards that it was equal to the finest display of her highly-gifted sister, only qualifying this high praise with the just observation, that before Mulibran had arrived at the *finale*, she had three long acts of animated acting and singing to go through.—*Paris Correspondent.*

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Valentine, Mr ANDERSON,
Ben, Mr KEELEY, Scandal, Mr PHELPS,
Tattle, Mr HUDSON, Foresight, Mr COMPTON,
Jeremy, Mr SELBY, Buckram, Mr HANCE,
Trapland, Mr W. BENNETT.

Angelica Miss ELLIS,
Mrs Foresight, Mrs STIRLING,
Mrs Frail, Mrs NISBET, Miss Prue, Mrs KEELEY,
Nurse.. Mrs C. JONES, Jenny.. Mrs WATSON.

After which, (25th Time) DRYDEN's Dramatic Opera of

King Arthur ; Or, The British Worthy.

The Overture and all the Music composed by PURCELL, with the exception of the Solo in "Come follow me," & the Pieces, "Thus I infuse," and "O sight, thou mother of desire."

The whole arranged with additional accompaniments, by Mr. T. COOKE.

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NORMA.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR, M. BENEDICT.

Pollio Mr W. HARRISON,
Flavius, Mr BINGE,
Oroveso Mr GIUBILEI,
Norma Miss ADELAIDE KEMBLE,
Adalgisa, Miss RAINFORTH,
Clotilda Miss FLOYD.
Children . . . Miss A. PAYNE and Miss TURNER.

After which (24th Time) a New, Original, Comic Drama, (in Two Acts) written by Mr. MARK LEMON, called

THE TURF.

Squire Warren Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Captain Flatooker, Mr W. LACY,
Bruce Siney Mr A. WIGAN,
Clovis Culpepper, Mr BARTLEY,
Gallop, Mr MEADOWS, Daniel Doo, Mr GRANBY,
Aaron Tret, Mr HARLEY,
John Culpepper Mr G. HORNCastle,
Felix Doo, Master MARSHALL,
Allsides, Mr PAYNE, John Trusty, Mr RIDGWAY,
Mrs Culpepper, Mrs HUMBY,
Miss Warren, Miss LEE, Fanny, Mrs EMDEN.

In Act I.—T A T T E R S A L L ' S.

In Act II.—A VIEW OF EPSOM ON THE DERBY DAY.

To conclude with the Farce of

The Irish Tutor.

Flail, Mr MEADOWS,

Tillwell,

Mr GRANBY,

Terry O'Rourke, Mr G. HODSON,
With the Song of "*Sweet Katty O'Lynch.*"

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We are sorry to find that those pleasant promenade concerts at the English Opera House are so soon to be discontinued. M. Jullien's engagement terminates to-morrow evening, after a series of the most successful entertainments that we ever remember to have attended. The house was again thronged last night, and this evening and to-morrow the attendance is expected to be still more numerous.

French Plays at the St. James's Theatre.—Mr. Mitchell has issued a prospectus of this entertainment for the approaching season. The subscription is to consist of forty representations; the first performance to take place on Monday, the 16th of January, when Madame Albert will make her appearance. From the list of performers engaged, the company will be a strong one, comprising the most distinguished actors and actresses from the principal Parisian theatres. The *regime* is to be a female one; the celebrated Mademoiselle Eliza Foegeot being announced as *Directrice*. Our readers will remember that these entertainments, last season, were carried on with great spirit and success, and Mr. Mitchell's preparations for his second season are highly promising.

Richmond.—Thalberg's concert on Wednesday morning was attended by a most numerous and distinguished audience, including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the Princess Augusta, the Duke of Mecklenburg Sterlitz, &c., who were highly gratified with his matchless performance on the pianoforte. The singing of Ronconi afforded the greatest delight to the company. Madame Ronconi, Mrs. A. Toulmin, Miss Cubitt, Mr. Weiss, and John Parry, exerted themselves most successfully. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge was pleased to request Mr. John Parry to sing the song of "Mamma," in addition to what was inserted in the programme, which he did, to the great mirth of the Royal party, for some of the words are strikingly *apropos* just at this moment. Mr. John Parry presided at the pianoforte.

The large room at the Bridge Hotel, near St. Saviour's Church, in the Borough, was crowded to excess on Wednesday evening, it being the first of a series of subscription concerts, under the direction of Mr. Carte,

the flute-player. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present, with a numerous party. The performers consisted of Thalberg, and his co-adjutors, the Ronconis, Mrs. Toulmin, Miss Cubitt, and Mr. John Parry, who were eminently successful in their efforts to entertain the company. Mr. Carte gave Drouet's variations on the flute in a very brilliant style, accompanied on the pianoforte by Mr. G. F. Harris, and the performance altogether afforded the greatest delight to the company, Thalberg and John Parry being called upon to do double duty as usual.

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An interval of a Month is supposed to elapse between the 1st & 2d Acts.

Five Years are supposed to have passed between the 3d & 4th Acts.

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The Earl of Lynterne..(a Statesman)..Mr PHELPS,

Sir Archer Taunton..Mr M. BARNETT,

Mordaunt afterwards Sir E. Mordaunt, Mr MACREADY

Captain Pierpoint, Mr HUDSON,

Heartwell, Mr ELTON, Lister, Mr G. BENNETT,

Lord Chatterly, Mr SELBY,

Deancourt, Mr W. H. Bland, Colville, Mr Roberts.

Physician, Mr Ryder, Solicitor, Mr Yarnold,

Guests of Lord Lynterne, Mr Mellon, Mr Stanley, &c.

Mordaunt's Servant, Mr C. J. Smith,

Lord Lynterne's Servant, Mr Bender, Mr Brady, &c.

Lady Chatterly, Miss ELLIS,

Lady Mabel Lynterne, Daughter) Miss H. FAUCIT,
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Lady Taunton, Mrs SELBY,

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Sebastian(his Brother)... Mr DIDDEAR,
Prospero, (Duke of Milan,) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Antonio, (the Usurping Duke of Milan) Mr J. VINING,
Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo..... Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Adrian & Francisco, Messrs. A. Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano....(a Drunken Butler).... Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain.. Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Miranda, (Daughter of Prospero) Miss VANDENHOFF
Ariel, (an Airy Spirit) Miss RAINFORTH,
Characters in the Masque.
Iris.. Miss COOPER, Ceres.. Miss RAINFORTH,
Juno, Miss POOLE.

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Sacred Harmonic Society.—Handel's *Messiah*, with Mozart's additional accompaniments, was given at Exeter Hall last evening, by the Sacred Harmonic Society. The recollection of Braham's wonderful power and brilliancy in this oratorio compelled us to institute unfavourable comparisons with Mr. Manvers, especially in the sublime opening recitative, "Comfort ye my people," which was ever considered to be one of Braham's greatest triumphs. He, however, redeemed himself in the recitative and air, "He that dwelleth," which immediately precedes the "Hallelujah" chorus. He also instilled some power and expression into the recitative, "Unto which;" and, in fact, throughout the whole oratorio he was far less objectionable than when on the stage. Miss Birch and Miss Dolby sang the other portions of the oratorio in their best manner, and were greeted with continued bursts of applause whenever their services were required. The "Hallelujah" chorus was the climax of harmony and magnificence. It is impossible to conceive a more stupendous effect than that produced by the execution of this splendid composition. The vast room was crowded to excess long before the orchestra was even filled, and not a single place could be obtained after the opening recitative.

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Olympic.—*Life's a Lottery*, *Norval*, and *The Soldier's Widow*, are the performances at this Theatre, this week.

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The Attic Story.

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ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

M. Jullien has been enabled, at "a great sacrifice," to secure this Theatre for a few nights longer, and has set his "more last words" to Chinese airs, for which he and the English nation are indebted to the "politeness of Lieutenant Thompson." This Lieutenant Thompson—to whom the nation owes so large a debt of gratitude—is probably one of the Thompsons who so distinguished themselves at the siege of Ismail, sixteen of them being named James, after the great bard. His Chinese cadeau to M. Jullien is a quaint, grotesque, and novel set of melodies, with a profusion of bells jangling to a pleasing accompaniment of gigantic tamborines, and a series of sudden sounds, which bang upon the tympanum as if they issued from a culverin. The orchestra was fitted up *a la Chinoise*, with peacock's feathers, and other Celestial paraphernalia. The indefatigable M. Jullien is, it is said, in treaty with Madame Tussaud for the loan of Commissioner Lin's costume, in which—if the negotiation be successful—he will appear as *chef d'orchestre*, with a "vermillion pencil" for his *baton*. This would be a consummation for the eccentric display of last evening, which, *du reste*, will serve as a fitting preparation for the forthcoming Pantomimes.—*Post*.

Afflicting Story.—We find the following extraordinary story in several of the journals :—"A short time ago a melancholy event took place in the Theatre at Leghorn. A player on the bass named Gemminiani, wishing to make his talent known to the public, announced that he was to play a piece between the acts of the Opera. The connoisseurs, however, thought but lightly of his talent, and assembled to laugh at the performance. When the poor artist was playing the rondeau of *Lucia* on a single string, conversation, laughter, and noise drowned the sound of the instrument. He exhibited marks of extreme emotion, and at last his agitation became so great that he could no longer do justice to his powers. When he arrived at the phrase—*Tu delle gioje in seno, io della morte* (Thou hast joy in thy heart, and I death), he let the instrument drop, remained a moment motionless, and then fell heavily on the stage! The people of the Theatre rushed from the side scenes, and bore him off. Medical aid was applied, but in vain; he was dead!—*Galignani's Messenger*.

Re-building of Astley's Amphitheatre.—The frequenters of this old and favorite place of public amusement, will be glad to learn that it is rapidly rising from its ashes with greater splendour than it ever possessed in its palmiest day. Under the superintendence and at the sole cost of Mr. Batty, the present lessee, a new and elegant building is being erected upon the site of the Amphitheatre destroyed by fire about two years ago. Although the building was only commenced about a month since, it is now in a state of great forwardness; the outer wall and the roof are completed; the stage is laid down; the circle formed; the private boxes and

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The Earl of Lynterne..(a Statesman)..Mr PHELPS,

Sir Archer Taunton..Mr M. BARNETT,

Mordaunt, afterwards Sir E. Mordaunt, Mr MACREADY

Captain Pierpoint, Mr HUDSON,

Heartwell, Mr ELTON, Lister, Mr G. BENNETT,

Lord Chatterly, Mr SELBY,

Deancourt, Mr W. H. Bland, Colville, Mr Roberts.

Physician, Mr Ryder, Solicitor, Mr Yarnold,

Guests of Lord Lyntern, Mr Mellon, Mr Stanley, &c.

Mordaunt's Servant, Mr C. J. Smith,

Lord Lynterne's Servant, Mr Bender, Mr Brady, &c.

Lady Chatterly, Miss ELLIS,

Lady Mabel Lynterne, Daughter) Miss H. FAUCIT,
of the Earl,)

Lady Lydia Lynterne, (his Sister,) Mrs WARNER,

Lady Taunton, Mrs SELBY,

Attendant on Lady Mabel Mrs WATSON

After which, the Farce of

The Eton Boy.

Col. Curray, Mr W. BENNETT,

Captain Popham, Mr HUDSON, Mr Dabster, Mr KEELEY,

Fanny, Mrs STIRLING, Sally, Mrs SELBY.

To conclude with the Farce of

The Attic Story.

Capt. Carbine, Mr SELBY, Mr Carney, Mr W. BENNETT,

Mr Gabriel Poddy, Mr KEELEY, Jack Sloper, Mr HUDSON,

Tim, Mr YARNOLD,

Mrs Anna Maria Carbine, Mrs SELBY, Mrs Poddy, Mrs KEELEY.

Mrs Arabella Matilda Carney, Mrs C. JONES.

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Previous to the Play, Weber's Overture to "The Ruler of the Spirits."

Alonso, (King of Naples) Mr COOPER,
Sebastian(his Brother)... Mr DIDDEAR,
Prospero, (Duke of Milan,) Mr VANDENHOFF,
Antonio, (the Usurping Duke of Milan) Mr J. VINING,
Ferdinand, Mr CHARLES PITT,
Gonzalo..... Mr F. MATTHEWS,
Adrian & Francisco, Messrs. A. Wigan & Binge,
Caliban, (a savage & deformed Slave) Mr J. BLAND,
Trinculo, (a Jester) Mr HARLEY,
Stephano....(a Drunken Butler).... Mr BARTLEY,
Boatswain.. Mr W. H. PAYNE,
Miranda, (Daughter of Prospero) Miss VANDENHOFF
Ariel, (an Airy Spirit) Miss RAINFORTH,

Characters in the Masque.

Iris.. Miss COOPER, Ceres.. Miss RAINFORTH,
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Masaniello, Mr W. HARRISON,

Alphonso.... Mr TRAVERS, Lorenzo... Mr A. WIGAN.

Pietro.. Mr G. HORNCastle,

Moreno, Mr BINGE, Ruffino Mr J. BLAND,

Selva, Mr COLLETT, Commissioner, Mr MOORE,

Neapolitan Nobles, Pages, Fishermen, Fishermen's Wives, &c. &c.

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Mr. Dibdin Pitt is engaged at the Theatre Royal, Manchester, and opens with the Tragedy of *Othello ; Iago*, by Mr. Butler.

Princess's Theatre.—This beautiful Theatre was lighted up a few days back, for the purpose of exhibiting the effect of the new curtain and act drop-scenes which have been painted, preparatory to the opening of the house on the 26th instant. The appearance of the interior, as seen in the full glare of the footlights, and the superb chandelier suspended over the centre of the pit, was gorgeous in the extreme. The elaborate and massive carvings, the fanciful arabesques, the crimson draperies, and the glittering ornaments with which the ceiling, the proscenium, the panels of the boxes, and every other portion of the house where gilding or painting could be applied, were overlaid. This redundance of ornament, though exceedingly beautiful in its details soon fatigues the eye, which in vain seeks for a resting place in the brilliant confusion by which the spectacle is surrounded. The curtain, painted by Cuthbert, is, in perfect accordance with the florid style of the boxes, more showy than tasteful. The act-drop scene, by Telbin, is a delicious subject, exquisitely painted. It represents a noon-day scene, on what we imagine to be an Italian lake. The tranquil water, in which the surrounding objects are faintly mirrored like the impalpable images in a dream—the distant hills and the white walled buildings, dimly seen through the warm haze of the atmosphere—the picturesque boat, and still more picturesque figures in the foreground—are all portrayed with masterly skill.

The theatre will open with the Opera of *Sonnambula*, and several other operatic pieces will be produced in succession. The strength of the vocal corps consists of Eugenia Garcia, *prima donna* ; Templeton, first tenor ; and Burdinna, for the basso. Madame Melanie Duval, a dancer of some pretention, will lead the ballet business. Comedy and Farce entertainments seem not to be the source from whence the manage-

ment expect to derive success in their undertaking, as the general company, with which they purpose opening the campaign, is not remarkable for its artistic or numerical strength. It however contains the names of Balls, the light comedian, Oxberry, Williams, an American actor, and H. Wallack, the stage-manager, all "good men and true."

Balfe has completed his Opera, which is to be put in rehearsal at the Opera Comie, Paris, without delay, and it is to be brought out about the middle of February. The French pay a vast deal more attention to rehearsals of Operas than we do.

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Shade of Ninus Mr J. BLAND,
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Aaron Tret, Mr HARLEY,

John Culpepper Mr G. HORNCastle,
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Allsides, Mr PAYNE, John Trusty, Mr RIDGWAY,
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The performances announced here for Monday next are *A Cure for Love*, *The Dowager*, and the new Musical Burlesque Burletta, called *Riquet with the Tuft*.

Southwark Literary Institution.—Last night Mr. Topliff, organist of Trinity Church, Southwark, delivered a third lecture in the above Institution, on the Rise and Progress of Music. As an appropriate prelude to the lecture, an occasional overture, the first two movements, Handel, was well given. The lecturer then noticed the music and musical instruments mentioned in holy writ, following this part of the subject with the beautiful sacred air, "O had I Jubal's Lyre." The vocal and instrumental music before the deluge, Egyptian music, accounts of the Jewish chaunts, with specimens from Padre Martini and Mancello, preserved by tradition by the German and Spanish Jews; the power of music over the evil spirits of Saul—introduction of music into the service of the Temple—decline of music among the Jews, during the Babylonish captivity, and several points, equally interesting, were descanted upon by Mr. Topliff, in a very lucid yet unaffected style. The lecturer, from time to time, relieved the drier portion of his address by the execution of two or three pretty airs on the musical glasses, and some good pianoforte playing. The whole concluded with the national anthem. The evening's entertainment seemed to be highly relished by a most respectable auditory.

Jane Shore, and a new Pantomime, called *Harlequin and William Tell! or the Genius of the Ribstone Pippin*, are to be the performances at Drury Lane Theatre next Monday.

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Aaron Tret, Mr HARLEY,

John Culpepper Mr G. HORNCastle,
Felix Doo, Master MARSHALL,

Allsides, Mr PAYNE, John Trusty, Mr RIDGWAY,
Mrs Culpepper, Mrs HUMBY,

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In Act I.—T A T T E R S A L L ' S.

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Theatre Royal, English Opera.

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THIS EVENING, DECEMBER the 23rd, 1842,

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Overture .. Guillaume Tell .. Rossini
Quadrille.. Semiramide, or Rossini's Melodies,
Jullien

Solo, Flute, Mr RICHARDSON.

Waltz La Caille Jullien

Grand Duo from Il Pirata, by M. Deloffre and M.
Pilet, on the Violin and Violoncello Bellini

Pro Peccatis, from the Stabat Mater,

Waltz .. The Nightingale Jullien

The Real SCOTCH Quadrille,

In which Mons. JULLIEN will introduce an imitation of the HIGH-
LAND PIPE, as performed at Edinburgh.

PART II,

Preghiera, from Mosé in Egitto.

Solo .. Ophicleide . M. Prospere .. Rossini

The Chinese Quadrille, on original Chinese Airs..
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Andante, from the Grand Symphony in C. Minor--
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Solo .. Clarionet .. Mr Lazarus .. Lazarus

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To-night being Christmas Eve, all the Metropolitan Theatres will be closed.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

AUBER's celebrated Opera of *Gustavus the Third*, with the addition of characters recently introduced therein at the Academie Royale de Musique, at Paris, will be revived at this Theatre in the course of a few days. An English version of Rossini's Opera of *La Donna del Lago*, is likewise in preparation. A new comic Entertainment has been accepted, entitled *The Highwayman*, and will be forthwith produced. An entirely new and original Opera, the whole of the music composed by Signor Benedict, has also been put in rehearsal. The Opera of *Semiramide* will be repeated at this Theatre for the 28th time, on Thursday, the 5th of January.

This Evening, the entertainments at the Adelaide Gallery are of the most attractive description, consisting of a Promenade Concert, the first part composed of sacred music, commencing with Musard's grand selection from Handel's Oratorio of *The Messiah*. In the second part, Haydn's Joy Symphony will be introduced. Between the first and second parts of the concert, the splendid new gas microscope will be shown; and after the termination of the second part, the effects of the nitrous oxide or laughing gas will be exhibited. The Infant Thalia will also display her extraordinary performance twice during the evening.

Royal Academy of Music.—The following were elected yesterday King's Scholars:—Miss M. Barker, a very clever pianist, and Master W. Watson, a most promising violinist. The Board of Examiners spoke in the highest terms of the talent displayed by the Misses E. Bendixen, L. Voux, E. Chamberlaine, and E. Wright; Messrs. C. Fowler, H. Lahee, W. Macfarren, and J. Thomas. The Board of Examiners consisted of Sir George Smart, Messrs. C. Potter (the principal), F. Cramer, Goss, Elliott, W. S. Bennett, and W. Holmes.

Mario has recently lost his father, which has caused him to absent himself from the Italian Opera at Paris, for a short period; and Mendelssohn too is suffering severe affliction, having lately lost his mother.

The Algerine Punch.—The magistrates of Algiers have just interdicted the representation of Garagousse, an Arabian Polichinello, on account of some of his witticisms, bordering on the obscene, and others being too severely satirical on the authorities. An account given by the *Akbar* of Algiers, of the origin of this buffoon, contains the following curious passage:—The celebrated polygraph named Sorjouti, composed in the year 899 of the Hegira, a work, entitled *Kealo el fâchouche fi Akham Carâcouche*, being a collection of facetiæ, of which Bohha el Bin, Vizir and Governor of Grand Cairo, under Salahh el Din, was the

object. This personage having been obliged, in order to erect a fortified wall, to destroy many mosques, tombs, houses, and gardens, became obnoxious to the people, who avenged themselves by giving him an opprobrious cognomen, which the Turks afterwards translated into the words Kara Kouche, or Black Bird, and attributing to him the most simple and ridiculous qualities and actions. This has become by the lapse of ages, corrupted into Garagousse, a droll, who attracts by his coarse humour as large audiences as the universally notorious Polichinello of Naples,

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HAYMARKET THEATRE.

Grandfather Whitehead, Patter *versus* Clatter, The Bastile, and the grand Comical Magical Burlesque Burletta, entitled Riquet with the Tuft.

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Olympic.—Life's a Lottery ; or, Jolly Dick, the Lamplighter, an Extravaganza, called The Coat ! and an original Comic Pantomime, called Harlequin and Old Cocker ! or Arithmetic Hall and the Rule of Three.

Princess Theatre.—The Opera of La Sonnambula, and a Grand Fairy Burlesque, called The Yellow Dwarf.

Queen's.—The Page of Naples ; or, the Witch of Vesuvius ! and a Comic Pantomime, called Polly Put the Kettle On ; or, Harlequin and the Magic Cat,

Surrey.—First time of a new Drama, entitled Richard Savage, and a new Pantomime, called Harlequin Puck ; or, the Enchanted Statue of the Chrystal Fountain.

Victoria.—Susan Hopley, and a grand Pantomime, entitled Harlequin Billy Taylor ; or, the Man in the Moon, and the Fairy Dog-star.

Sadler's Wells.—The Lear of Private Life ; and a new Pantomime, entitled Harlequin and Good Kynge Arthur ; or, the Enchanted Merlin and the Queene of Fairy Land.

Marylebone.—The Saxon Maid, and a Pantomime, called Old Mother Bunch ; or, Harlequin and the New House that Jack Built.

Mr. Wilson has returned to London, after a most successful trip to his native land ; he will resume his entertaining lectures on Scottish Music, at the Music-Hall, Store Street, this evening.

Thalberg.—Thalberg left London on Sunday week, for Brussels and Paris ; and Signor and Madame Ronconi departed on Wednesday for the French capital.

We hear that Mr. Bunn intends to bring out at Covent Garden Theatre some favourite French Ballets, on a scale of great splendour and magnificence, and, in order to render additional effect, he is now negotiating for the services of Fanny Ellsler, those of Pauline Leroux and M. Mazilier

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Programme of the Pantomime :-

RUINS OF THE FORUM IN THE CAMPO VACCINO.

(The well-known Classical Courmeadow at Rome.)

Oberon, Miss KENDALL, Titania, Mrs EMDEN.

Puck, Miss JAMES. Punch, Miss TAYLOR.

VAULT of the BLACK DIAMOND, in the Castle of Fitzwalter.

Baron Fitzwalter, Mr S. SMITH. Lord Chancellor, Mr Braithwaite.

King John, Mr W. H. PAYNE, Avis, Mr GARDEN,

Isabella, Mr MOORE, The Conductor, Mr RUSSELL,

Court Yard in Windsor Castle, with an Ancient Reservoir.

(Vulgo—a Water-butt.) In this Scene will be exhibited a Royal Wardrobe in the Twelfth Century. Terrific Combat of Two.

RUNNYMEDE! and ENCAMPMENT OF THE BARONS.

A Small Van with a Great Charta.

Arrival of the Fairy Train. PUNCH IN HIS GLORY.

Surrounded by some of his Old, and by many New Friends.—(W. Bradwell.)

Motley Metamorphoses.

Harlequin, . Mr J. RIDGWAY, Columbine, . Mrs J. RIDGWAY,

Pantaloon, . Mr GARDEN, Clown, . Mr T. RIDGWAY,

Olde Schoole House. Exterior of Polytechnic. Bartholomew Fair,

1841. A Dance between Europe and Africa. Bartholomew Fair,

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Demon of Despair, Mr Yarnold, Genius of Liberty, MrsWatson,
Britannia, Miss Newcombe,

2nd—Valley and Lake, with Tell's Cottage and snowy peaks of the Alps,
Emma, MrBENDER, Albert, Mr HANCE, Sarnem, Mr HOWELL,
William Tell, Mr C. J. SMITH, Melchtal, Mr STILT,

3rd—Antechamber in the Castle of Altorf.

Gesler, Mr GOURIET,

4th—Mountain Pass with Storm.

5th—Market Place in Altorf.

The appearance of the Genius in the Fairy Ribstone Pippin Bower.

Transformation of the Characters :

Harlequin, Mr C. J. SMITH. Columbine, Miss FAIRBROTHER,

Clown, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Pantaloon, Mr HOWELL,

Twirlabout, Mr STILT,

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*Arrival of a Curiosity from the ISLE OF MAN, who bears the ARMS and also
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Outside of the New Tee-total Temperance Music-Hall.

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It opens with Punch in his glory. He is not that merry, drunken uxorious fellow we often see in the streets of London, but a sober lover of learning, amid the ruins of ancient Rome. He sends his surrounding genii to England, where they are mixed up with King John and the Barons. Fitzwalter and the rest of the great men appear determined to force from John the great charter of the people's rights. John sends out a placard, " I wish you may get it." To this the Barons reply they intend to raise their banner, " We will go the whole hog !" After much turmoil, the Barons bring the King to Runnymede, and the charter, which covers a large portion of the stage, is spread for the royal signature. John signs with a pen six feet long, and the people shout. Soon after Royal John is seized with certain pains in the abdominal region, which terminate in a demise of the Crown. This is the signal for changing the political to the pantomime characters—Harlequin, (J. Ridgway,) Columbine, (Mrs. J. Ridgway,) Clown, (T. Ridgway,) Pantaloon, (Garden.) are created, and pursue their several objects. The scenery was extremely beautiful, and the dresses of the most gorgeous description. Mr. J. Ridgway makes the best *Harlequin* of the day, and his wife, as *Columbine*, dances with the most fascinating grace. T. Ridgway's *Clown* is very good. Some of the scenes excited great laughter and applause, particularly the Chinese exhibition, in which " the greatest curiosity of the day " is exhibited, a gigantic Mandarin, with three legs, who dances with the greatest activity ; it was exceedingly well managed. At the conclusion of the Pantomime there was very great applause, and we have no doubt it will amply repay by its attraction the enormous sum expended upon its production.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

THE Tragedy of *Jane Shore* was acted last night for the edification of the holiday folks who might be tempted to visit this Theatre ; it was listened to with much attention, and Mr. Phelps, as the *Duke of Gloster*, and Mrs. Warner, as *Alicia*, were vociferously applauded.

A Pantomime followed, called *Harlequin and William Tell; or the Genius of the Ribstone Pippin!* It is a very dull affair, and the thing passed off without exciting the least hilarity.—There was plenty of room for the half-price.

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La Beau, Mr HUDSON, Oliver, Mr GRAHAM,

Jaques, Mr LYNNE, Orlando, Mr ANDERSON,

Adam, (Servant to Oliver,) Mr PHELPS,

Touchstone (a Clown) Mr KEELEY,

William, (in love with Audrey) Mr COMPTON,

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Truro Theatre.—On Monday a most extraordinary occurrence cut short the evening's amusements. The curtain had just fallen at the close of the third act of *Othello*, when a sudden uproar behind the scenes announced the performance of some part not in the play-bill. After some minutes of suspense, the Moor himself, bearing on his cheek and visage evident marks of a recent scuffle, came forward and explained the cause of the confusion. It appeared that the person to whom had been assigned the part of *Cassio*, not trusting to his own powers to do justice to the character, had qualified himself to enact the drunken scene by ample potations, forgetting that it was necessary he should be sober when

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Sir Archer Taunton.. Mr M. BARNETT,
Mordaunt, afterwards Sir E. Mordaunt, Mr MACREADY
Captain Pierpoint, Mr HUDSON,
Heartwell, Mr ELTON, Lister, Mr G. BENNETT,
Lord Chatterly, Mr SELBY,
Deancourt, Mr W. H. Bland, Colville, Mr Roberts.
Physician, Mr Ryder, Solicitor, Mr Yarnold,
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ADELPHI.—This Theatre was last night again crowded to see the new Burletta of *The Merchant and his Clerks*, Mr. E. Stirling's new Farce, called *Yankee Notes for English Circulation*, (in which Mr. Rice was encored in his popular Negro Melodies, and created great laughter and applause,) and the new Pantomime. The last named entertainment has been greatly improved since the first night of its representation, and elicits roars of laughter. Mr. T. Hill performs the part of *Clown*.

Pantomimes.—The original Harlequinades of the Continent, for which, at the commencement of the last century, the Opera Comique at Paris was so celebrated all over Europe, were admired for their pasquinades, their bon-mots, their political squibs, and their personal satire and lampoons. These were medley pasquinades dramatised. It was the celebrated Mr. John Rich, the proprietor of Drury Lane, who introduced the Pantomime of dumb show. This was the oft-mentioned Rich who brought out Gay's Opera, after it had been refused at the other house, and the success of which gave rise to the epigram that " Gay was made rich and Rich was made gay." The Pantomime was first introduced at the Theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields. It consisted of two parts, the one serious the other droll and ludicrous, in which the mind was allowed to run riot. The first Pantomime was called *Harlequin Sorcerer*, and was brought out in 1717, and the last produced by Mr. Rich was in 1760; and notwithstanding all that Colley Cibber, the admirer of the legitimate drama, and the critics, classical and non-classical, could write against these " barbarous innovations," every pantomime had eminent success, the greater number of them running between forty and fifty nights successively. Mr. Rich's Pantomimes now spread all over Europe, and in 1761, they gave rise to a most curious exhibition at Drury Lane. Garrick, the manager, got up a grand spectacle, in honour of the coronation of George III. All the machinery and contrivance of the pantomime were put in requisition, the stage was extended by awning to

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The Machinery by Mr SLOMAN. The Pantomime produced (with all the
gorgeousness of the EAST) under the direction of Mr WEST.

Programme of the Pantomime :—

RUINS OF THE FORUM IN THE CAMPO VACCINO.

(The well-known Classical Cowmeadow at Rome.)

Oberon, Miss KENDALL, Titania, Mrs EMDEN.
Puck, Miss JAMES. Punch, Miss TAYLOR.

VAULT of the BLACK DIAMOND, in the Castle of Fitzwalter.

Baron Fitzwalter, Mr S. SMITH. Lord Chancellor, Mr Braithwaite.

King John, Mr W. H. PAYNE, Avis, Mr GARDEN,
Isabella..... Mr MOORE, The Conductor..... Mr RUSSELL,

Court Yard in Windsor Castle, with an Ancient Reservoir.

*(Vulgo—a Water-butt.) In this Scene will be exhibited a Royal Wardrobe in the
Twelfth Century. Terrific Combat of Two.*

RUNNYMEDE! and ENCAMPMENT OF THE BARONS.

A Small Van with a Great Charta.

Arrival of the Fairy Train. PUNCH IN HIS GLORY.

Surrounded by some of his Old, and by many New Friends.—(W. Bradwell.)

Motley Metamorphoses.

Harlequin.. Mr J. RIDGWAY, Columbine.. Mrs J. RIDGWAY,
Pantaloon.. Mr GARDEN, Clown.. Mr T. RIDGWAY,

*Olde Schoole House. Exterior of Polytechnic. Bartholomew Fair,
1841. A Dance between Europe and Africa. Bartholomew Fair,
1843. Real way to play Scotch Quadrilles. Exeter Hall and
Tobacconist's Shop. Singing for the Million! Mendicity Society's
Offices, Fashionable Insurance Office, and Barber's Shop. Grand
Tableau of Aldgate Pump! The Chinese Exhibition, (Knights-
bridge,) Punch's Water Frolic, with the Lake of Como at a
respectful distance.*

On Monday, The Tempest, and the Pantomime.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, CONGREVE's Comedy of

LOVE for LOVE

ADAPTED FOR REPRESENTATION.

Sampson Legend Mr LAMBERT.

Valentine, Mr ANDERSON,

Ben, Mr KEELEY, Scandal, Mr PHELPS,
Tattle, Mr HUDSON, Foresight, Mr COMPTON,

Jeremy, Mr SELBY, Buckram, Mr HANCE,

Trapland, Mr W. BENNETT,

Angelica Miss ELLIS,

Mrs Foresight, Mrs STIRLING,

Mrs Frail, Mrs NISBET, Miss Prue, Mrs KEELEY,

Nurse.. Mrs C. JONES, Jenny.. Mrs WATSON.

After which (6th time,) a new Grand Tragic-Comic Christmas Pantomime, called

HARLEQUIN AND

WILLIAM TELL;

OR THE

Genius of the Ribstone Pippin

Scenery, by Mr. Danson, and Assistants. Overture and Music by a substitute for
Rossini. Dresses, Machinery, &c by Real Swiss Artists.

The Pantomime produced under the superintendence of Mr H. Younge

Scene 1st, Regions of Slavery in the Caverns of Despair.—Patent Fetter Factory

Demon of Despair, Mr Yarnold, Genius of Liberty, Mrs Watson,
Britannia, Miss Newcombe,

2nd—Valley and Lake, with Tell's Cottage and snowy peaks of the Alps,
Emma, Mr BENDER, Albert, Mr HANCE, Sarnem, Mr HOWELL,

William Tell, Mr C. J. SMITH, Melchtal, Mr STILT,

3rd—Antechamber in the Castle of Altorf.

Gesler, Mr GOURIET,

4th—Mountain Pass with Storm.

5th—Market Place in Altorf.

The appearance of the Genius in the Fairy Ribstone Pippin Bower.

Transformation of the Characters :

Harlequin, Mr C. J. SMITH. Columbine, Miss FAIRBROTHER,

Clown, Mr T. MATTHEWS, Pantaloon, Mr HOWELL,

Twirlabout, Mr STILT,

Office of Bell's Life.

Emporium of Fashion, & Seven Bell's Inn.

Works of Art and Works of Nature, Bells of all kinds. The BELL Assembly.

Infant Infirmary—Register Office, and Yard of the Blue Boar Inn.

Cold water cures—a Christmas Pudding—Parcels of Children.—

“Take Care of the Door.”

*Arrival of a Curiosity from the ISLE OF MAN, who bears the ARMS and also
the LEGS of that place—in this scene will be introduced*

The Gem of the Ballet, “La Jolie Fille de Gand.”

Pussymeat's Pye House. Shut up Shop. Sausage and Makers.

Outside of the New Tee-total Temperance Music-Hall.

Ancient Kitchen and Bed Room in the Blossoms Inn,

Scene 6th—Gardens of the Hesperides, in which the reconciled Parties
are treated with a view of the TELLENSPRUNG.

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